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RESIDENTS MOVED FROM UNSAFE HOME

BY CARL JACKSON

A NURSING home has been shut down within weeks of damning inspection findings by health watchdogs who declared it was not safe.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) went into Vicarage Court, in Chasetown, in August and subsequently placed the venue, which catered for nearly 50 people, in special measures.

They demanded improvements be made within in six months – but the provider Morecare took the decision to close the home on September 13, it has now been revealed.

Residents have been moved to other homes including the company's other nursing facility The Old Vicarage which is on the same site.

In another blow to the firm, it has lost a Staffordshire County Council contract to deliver care at home and will be axing its Morecare at Home agency at the end of the month.

The CQC had demanded improvements at Vicarage Court after a previous visit in November but standards have plummeted.

The latest report rated the areas of safety and leadership 'inadequate'.

Risk

Among the safety concerns raised was the lack of an action plan put in place for a resident who was found on the floor and another person who had a lump on their head which had not been properly investigated.

The report said: "The service was not safe. People did not receive their medicines as prescribed. There were no systems in place to monitor stock levels within the home. When incidents occurred we could not be sure action was taken to reduce the risk of re-occurrence."

Leadership was criticised, particularly due to the lack of progress made since the last inspection. The report said: "The service was not well led. The provider had not made the necessary improvements identified at the last inspection. There was no registered manager in post."

The other key areas around how effective, caring and responsive the home was were all rated 'requires improvement'.

A spokeswoman for Morecare said: "Morecare Ltd continues to operate. The Old Vicarage remains open and is accepting new residents.

"Vicarage Court has closed with all residents transferred to other services, including The Old Vicarage. Morecare at Home, which is our domiciliary care agency, will cease trading on the 30th of September, 2017, as our contract with the council has come to an end. Staff will be TUPE transferred (Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment) to new providers."

LOVING THE LOOK, DEER! CHLOE HAS X FACTOR

Chloe Jasmine and Connor Johnson on the catwalk at the fashion show in Staffordshire *Picture Karen Smalley*

Connor Johnson of Dream Street Models

WHAT a deer X Factor star Chloe Jasmine proved to be when she stepped up to support a charity fashion show in the most unusual of places – a Staffordshire reindeer park.

The rare and rustic setting of Blithbury Reindeer Lodge was thought up by the Walsall-based firm Dream Street Models for their annual show.

And the show, entitled Scandinavian Bliss, proved a hit with leading models and fashion lovers with a sell-out show at the event near Rugeley. Some 16 businesses were at the show plus 10 designers with both Chloe Jasmine taking to the catwalk and Britain and Ireland's next top model Eleanor Sippings making an appearance.

Funds raised at the fashion show, believed to be the first of its king outside Scandinavia, will be donated to the MS Therapy Centre in Wolverhampton and Sandwell Young Carers.

Dream Street Models is a multi-award winning model and event management company that represents men and women from all different sizes and backgrounds which organised the models and event.

And plans are already under way for another ambitious show next May which is set to feature the UK's first floating runway – on the River Severn.

Talks are under way for the event to start at Stourport and spend some two hours travelling along the river.

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POLICE

Remand for man in grooming case

A 52-YEAR-OLD man charged on suspicion of attempting to meet a child after grooming has been remanded in custody.

Anthony Butler, of no fixed address, appeared at Cannock Magistrates Court on Monday and will appear again at the same court at a later date.

It comes after reports of a man being detained by members of the public on Saturday evening before police were called. No child was present at the scene.

Det Insp Zoe Kelsall of Staffordshire Police said: "We urge members of the public not to take matters into their own hands."

LOTTERY

Mr L lands the top Thunderball prize

A MYSTERY winner known only as Mr L from Staffordshire has banked the top Thunderball prize.

He scooped £500,000 in the September 15 draw and will be buying a new car and taking the family on holiday. Mr L, who is retired, played through national-lottery.co.uk

Andy Carter, from The National Lottery, said: "After a few simple clicks he has banked a life-changing prize."

STABBING

Attempted murder charge man in court

A 39-YEAR-OLD Cannock man has appeared before the town's magistrates after a 24-year-old man was stabbed.

Robert Gearing, of Danby Drive, is charged with attempted murder and will now appear before Stafford Crown Court on October 20 for a plea and directions hearing. The victim was taken to hospital last Tuesday following what police called a 'serious assault' in Danby Drive.

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New chair of governors for college

Steve Burgin – experience

SOUTH Staffordshire College has appointment a new chair of governors.

Steve Burgin will succeed Councillor Ray Foulkner who has spent three years in the post and will become vice-chair.

Mr Burgin is currently interim chair of the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust following a career in electrical engineering, and is former vice-president of GE Power in Europe and Pro Chancellor of Staffordshire University,

Born in Stoke-on-Trent, he has worked in engineering for over 40 years, beginning his career as a student apprentice with General Electric Company (GEC) in 1975, alongside studying for an Electrical Engineering degree from Staffordshire University.

He has worked in the energy sector for most of his career in a range of disciplines and management roles, notably as country president of Alstom in 2008 where he was responsible for the firm's UK transport and energy activities.

He also played a role in the acquisition of Alstom's energy business by GE. In 2016 he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by Business in Staffordshire. Steve Burgin will be joined on the board by new recruits Phil Tapp, headteacher of Wolgarston High School, and Vicki Mackintosh, head of ports business services at Associated British Ports.

Chief executive principal Graham Morley said: "Steve has a proven track record of highly effective board leadership. His experience in the energy sector will further improve our excellent employer relations. Along with the new governors Phil Tapp and Vicki Mackintosh, the college has a really strong balance of experience in both education and industry on its board.

Awareness initiative on modern day slavery

SOROPTIMISTS from all over the UK are working to establish the public's knowledge of human trafficking and modern day slavery.

Next week, starting on Sunday, Soroptimists from SI Cannock & District are encouraging members of the public to complete a UK-wide survey.

Working with the UK Modern Slavery Training Delivery Group, which is part of the Government's strategy to combat trafficking and slavery, the intention is to find out the extent of awareness about the issue.

The online version of the survey is accessed from www.sigbi.org/ukpac/survey

Cannock Soroptimist Trish Mellor said: "All club members are encouraging friends, family and colleagues to spare five minutes to complete the online survey.

"The people of Cannock support us in so much of the work we do, we really hope many of them – men and women, younger and older – will take part in this most important survey and thank them in advance."

The campaign is part of the club's mission to inspire action and transform the lives of women and girls worldwide.

Further information about Cannock Soroptimists can be found at www.sigbi.org/cannock-and-district or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SICannock

You'll pay it all back, £81k fraudster told

A BENEFITS cheat who went snorkelling in the Maldives while illegally pocketing almost £81,000 of disability benefits has been warned she will pay back every penny.

Fraudster Linda Hoey walked free from court despite racking up £65,244 of Disability Living Allowances and a further £15,690 worth of free travel on the M6 Toll while exaggerating the effects of arthritis.

Linda Hoey

But tell-tale photographs of the mother-of-four's holidays on the sun-kissed Indian atolls and in Egypt revealed the lie she had been living for 15 years.

Now a restraining order has been put on her property – including her home, a narrowboat – pending a Proceeds of Crime hearing scheduled for January. Mr David Pedley, senior fraud manager for the Midlands, said: "We will make sure she pays back every penny. We have charges on her house and narrowboat, and she could face losing one or both of those on top of now having the stigma of being a benefit fraudster."

Hoey, of Talland Avenue, Armington, Tamworth, claimed that severe arthritis and back problems meant it took her four minutes to walk as many metres.

In fact she had worked full-time at PartsWorld in Orbital Way, Cannock, for 17 years and regularly drove alone to the office along the M6 Toll Road for free. She also maintained she could not perform simple household chores or even get dressed without assistance, needed a walking stick at all times and help to climb stairs.

Hoey had been unanimously found guilty by a jury of fraudulently misrepresenting her benefit claim from 2001 to 2015 and misusing an exemption pass for the M6 Toll from 2004 to 2015. She was given an 18-month jail sentence suspended for two years with a six-month night-time curfew.

Top Gun comes to RAF Cosford

Carrie-Ann Swan and David Swan from Rugeley

Eddy Connor and Lesley Connor at Cosford

Paula Langham and Andy Langham from Rugeley

Jez Davies and Angela Hawthorne from Cannock

IT is one of the most iconic aviation films of all time, so where better to screen it than RAF Cosford.

Top Gun came winging its way to the airbase with sell-out crowds on Saturday night.

Revellers gathered with snacks, drinks and aviator sunglasses for the open-air showing of the Tom Cruise movie. Take My Breath Away by Berlin, taken from the soundtrack, blasted from the speakers as crowds queued for the film to begin at 8.30pm.

The event saw a huge 24ft inflatable screen erected alongside the VC10 and Hercules aircraft, which was transformed into a neon popcorn bar. Carrie-Ann and David Swan had travelled from Rugeley.

Carrie-Ann said she was keen to see main man Tom Cruise, adding: "We came to the museum with our children a few weeks ago and saw this advertised and knew we had to come. I love the flight suits and Tom – this is just a classic."

M6 link meeting for Cheslyn Hay

A PUBLIC meeting to discuss the proposed M6-M54 link road will be held in Cheslyn Hay on Monday.

It comes after former parish council chairman Bob Denson complained that the village had been left out of the consultation on the scheme.

Meetings were set up for Shareshill, Featherstone and Essington but Mr Denson said Cheslyn Hay should be able to have a say, particularly on the impact of noise from the new road.

Highways England assistant project manager Kanishka Varoon said: "it's really important that people have their say to help us understand what is important to local communities."

The meeting will take place at the village hall in Pinfold Lane between 5pm and 8pm.

Sappers to gather

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday at 8pm at the Drill Hall (Army Reserve Centre) in Walsall Road, Bridgtown. All Sappers, past and present, are welcome to attend. Call the secretary on 01543 423319 for details.

Factory wins £37m deal for parts in submarines

THE Rugeley factory of a major defence technology group has won a £37 million contract.

The order is for a new hybrid electric propulsion system for UK submarines.

Ultra Electronics employs around 250 people at the 50,000 sq ft site of its PMES business on the Towers Business Park, specialising in hi-tech power controls and sensors.

PMES has now been awarded a £37m contract by BAE Systems Maritime-Submarines to complete development and start production of the hybrid system for a UK naval defence programme.

Few details of the project are being released because of security matters but the system is intended to provide a more efficient propulsion option to submarine main engines.

Ultra says its hybrid system uses 'spare' electrical power generated onboard to allow a vessel to cruise, improving fuel economy.

Rakesh Sharma, chief executive of Ultra, said: "We are pleased by this contract as it showcases our specialist technology which has received company funded research and development for many years and reinforces our position as a leading provider of submarine propulsion technology.

"We are also pleased to be further developing our relationship with BAE Systems."

Increase in dogs attacking dogs

DOG attacks on other dogs have increased in recent weeks, Staffordshire Police have warned.

Officers say they have seen a rise in reports to them about 'dog on dog' incidents involving a wide range of breeds – although the force says incidents are often 'exaggerated' on social media. They have pleaded with dog owners to keep their pets on leads.

PCSO John Horton said: "Over the past couple of weeks we have seen an increase in dog-on-dog 'attacks'.

"These have occurred in different locations with different breeds being mentioned each time.

"Sadly these incidents do get somewhat exaggerated on social media."

Anyone whose dog has been attacked should call police on 101.

Dance for charity

A SEQUENCE dance in aid of the Alzheimer's Society is being held at Lea Hall Social Club in Sandy Lane, Rugeley, on Sunday, October 8 between 7.30pm and 10.30pm. Admission is £3 on the door.

Drop-in centre closes after 24 years

The centre in Low Street, Cheslyn Hay

A DROP-IN centre in Cheslyn Hay has closed down ' due to operational difficulties' a few months before its 25th anniversary.

The Cedar Tree Christian Drop-In Centre, a registered charity, was opened by three friends, Nan Jones, Ros Blackmore and Paulette Bentham, who shared a vision of a Christian presence on the high street.

Premises were found in the form of a derelict shop, in Low Street, which among other uses had been the village post office. After much hard work by volunteers, it opened officially as The Cedar Tree on January 21, 1993. Volunteers who have helped out from all of the main Christian denominations represented in the area.

In a statement issued this week, the trustees said: "We are sorry to announce that, on the 22nd September 2017, The Cedar Tree Christian Drop-In Centre closed for business due to operational difficulties beyond our control.

"We deeply regret the impact that this will have on our many regular customers and friends, but would like to thank you all for your support over the past years. We were so looking forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary on January 20th 2018.

"If you have any comments about our work over the years or would like to register any memories of The Cedar Tree, please do share them with us.

"You can do this by visiting the Contact Us page on our website or by emailing cedartree.ch@outlook com. We would be interested to receive any photographs of past volunteers, or of any of our activities. We would like to be able to leave an archive to record our existence in the village."

Gun fanatic jailed over weapons found at home

A GUN fanatic from Cannock has been jailed for five years after a cache of weapons and ammunition was found in his home.

Jonathan Knight, aged 47, of Sunfield Road, was arrested on January 30 on suspicion of possessing a shotgun without a shotgun certificate by officers from the National Crime Agency's (NCA) Armed Operations Unit.

When his house was searched an unlicensed shotgun was discovered along with other illegal firearms and a huge amount of ammunition.

Jonathan Knight

Knight, a former firearms certificate holder, was charged in April with eight offences relating to possessing five prohibited Brocock firearms, an unlicensed Baikal shotgun, two overpowered air weapons, sound moderators and more than 6,300 rounds of ammunition.

He pleaded guilty to all offences on June 1 and was sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court. Jon Greenwell from the National Crime Agency said: "From the inquiries we have made it doesn't appear that Jonathan Knight was actively involved in the sale of illegal firearms. However, as a firearms enthusiast and former license holder, Knight was well aware of the risks posed by his weapons and the requirement to obtain the correct license or surrender them immediately.

"His collection posed a significant risk to the public had it been stolen or sold to criminals.

"Five of the seized weapons were Brocock self-contained gas cartridge firearms which were formerly lawful to own and sell. However, due to the ease at which they could be converted to fire live ammunition, and the increase in criminals purchasing them, they were made illegal to own following the introduction of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003.

"Those who already owned self-contained gas cartridge firearms were able to keep them but had to obtain a firearm certificate. We would encourage everyone to check they have the correct certification for all the firearms they own."

Andy Powers during his 300-mile cycling challenge – 'I am just grateful for whatever people can donate'

Cyclist Powers forward for fund

A CANNOCK man is taking the fight against cancer on the road by riding his bike 300 miles this month.

Andy Powers, who works for ASSIST in Stafford, is fundraising for Cancer Research UK.

The 31-year-old is taking on the challenge after his mother Julie died six years ago aged 50 and his wife Tor, 27, was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer in April.

Andy, who grew up in Great Wyrley, had raised more than £900 for the charity at the half-way stage.

He has enjoyed the challenge so far, but admits nicer weather would have been better. "A couple of very wet journeys to and from work haven't dampened my spirits," he said.

"I have no target. I am just grateful for whatever people can donate." To donate visit fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/andys-300-mile-cycle-challenge

NEWS IN BRIEF

All will be calm for hour at Sainsbury's

SAINSBURY'S Cannock is taking part in the National Autistic Society's Autism Hour on Monday at 10am.

Staff at the store will take 'simple steps to be more autism friendly'.

These include turning down the public address system, turning off the music in the café, and creating a calmer retail environment as well as providing information about autism.

Store manager Andy Beardsmore said: "It's an excellent initiative."

Autistic people often find social situations difficult and struggle to filter out the sounds, smells and sights they experience. Visit www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/tmi/autism-hour.aspx

Messages for MP should be re-sent

CONSTITUENTS writing to Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant have been asked to re-send messages after a computer glitch led to some being lost.

Messages sent via the webform michael.fabricant.mp.co.uk/contact.ihtml between the dates of September 9 and 18 have not gone through.

He said: "Following the cyber attacks on Parliament a few months back, the House of Commons has introduced additional filters on incoming emails. The unwanted side effect has been that a number of messages have been lost."

Fires break out at derelict pub

FIRES broke out at a derelict pub in Cannock. Three crews from Rugeley and Cannock were called to the Pied Piper pub in Pye Green Road.

Firefighters dealt with 'several small fires' after arriving at 10.06pm on Friday before leaving at at around 1am. An investigation is taking place into what caused the fire. It comes after armed police were sent to the pub last month following reports of a group of people with an air rifle.

The pub closed in 2014. Plans were submitted to convert the building into a supermarket, but later withdrawn.

Fun day at club is in aid of literacy centre

A FUNDRAISING event has been organised to help fund a literacy centre in South Africa.

It will take place in the function room of Yates Sports and Social Club in Lime Lane near Norton Canes at 2pm on Saturday, November 25.

The family fun day will feature face painting, bric a brac sales, a tombola, children's games, a bouncy castle and cake sale. Organisers are also looking to put on a car boot sale on the day.

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COUNTY NEWS

Funding for £25m rail hub approved

CRUCIAL funding for a multi-million pound light railway project in Dudley has been given the go-ahead.

The £25 million innovation centre, at the site of the former Dudley railway station in Castle Hill, will be used for the design and construction of lightweight rail coaches and rail line project. It will create more than 200 jobs and work is expected to start early next year.

The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has approved a £18.5m grant towards building the centre and a test track. The cost of the wider project totals £29.5m with funding bids made to other authorities.

Apprentices on awards shortlist

TWO apprentices working at UTC Aerospace Systems in Wolverhampton have been shortlisted for a top regional award.

Daniel Foster, aged 22 from Bloxwich, and Jack Timms, 24, from Staffordshire, are both in the running for EEF Future Manufacturing Awards.

They were selected along with 21 other apprentices from across the Midlands.

Regional winners will be announced on November 10 at a ceremony at Nottingham Trent University and will then vie for the national title, which will be announced at an awards gala dinner in London early next year.

Pay more to live near top school

PARENTS face paying a premium to be near a top state school, a study shows– with Wolverhampton Girls' High School in the country's top 15.

People hoping to live near the school face paying an extra £23,645 compared to the average house price locally. The Lloyds Bank study found properties near top state schools have an average house price of £415,844 – some £128,615 or 45 per cent higher than the average house price across the country at £287,229.

Coffee and cakes are served up for charity

COFFEE and cake will be served up across the West Midlands as part of an annual cancer fundraiser.

Staff from 26 funeral homes will open their doors on or around September 29 to support Macmillan Cancer Support's world's biggest coffee morning.

A total of 78 events and activities are being held across the Central England Co-operative trading region.

Drivers warned as roads to be resurfaced

THOUSANDS of pounds is to be spent on repairing two busy roads which have been worn down by heavy goods vehicles.

Staffordshire County Council will invest £45,000 resurfacing Surrey Close, in Cannock, behind Asda on the Lichfield Road. The work will be carried out on Sunday, October 29.

Then a week later on Sunday, November 5, the authority will carry out similar work to repair a stretch on Delta Way, Cannock, at the junction with Fairway. That scheme will also cost £45,000.

The council has warned there may be some traffic disruption during the work but both projects are set to be completed in one day.

The authority have vowed to spend £5 million and fill 13,000 potholes in the county this year.

Meanwhile, a pothole-ridden street in Chadsmoor is to be repaired thanks to a £100,000 investment.

Staffordshire County Council will carry out the work in Clarion Way from Monday, October 30.

Damaged kerbs will be replaced, and the road will be resurfaced between Pye Green Road and Windrush Avenue. It is estimated the scheme will take two weeks to complete. The council has warned that access to the route may be restricted during the work and drivers could be delayed but it has not confirmed if any roads will have to be closed.

A statement said: "Access to properties and businesses along the length of the works will be available throughout the job although may be restricted at times as we carry out these essential repairs outside each property."

Campaign to get on the scent of recycling

By Simon Stone

CANNOCK Chase Council has teamed up with Recycle Now to encourage residents to think twice before throwing away bathroom items such as empty deodorant cans and perfume bottles.

According to the authority, certain items around the house somehow evade the recycling bin.

In the UK, almost 90 per cent of packaging is recycled in kitchens, while just over half (52 per cent) of items are recycled in the bathroom.

New research from Recycle Now found that nearly half (49 per cent) of the population admit to not always recycling their aerosols including deodorant and hairspray from the bedroom or bathroom. The research also found that over a third (38 per cent) say they don't always recycle glass items in the bedroom such as aftershave and perfume bottles once they are empty.

Routines

To tie in with Recycle Week, which ends on Sunday, Cannock Chase Council is highlighting the benefits of recycling, for the environment and for the local community.

Councillor John Preece, portfolio leader for environment, said: "Many of us have our daily bathroom routines in place, whether we're getting ready to go to work, out socially, or just settling down for a night in.

"During Recycle Week, we are looking to shake up these old routines and let people know that they can help the environment they live in, in the process of making themselves look and smell good," he added.

For further information about recycling, visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/recycling-waste/which-items-go-which-bin

Arnie says he'll be back, for more cake

Paz Heer and Nune Paruryan with the cake they produced to mark the 30the anniversary of Predator

IT takes a lot to impress Hollywood legend Arnold Schwarzenegger – but cakemaker Paz Heer did just that.

The cakemaker from Wolverhampton-based AB Cakes produced a Predator-based cake for the A-lister's visit to Birmingham. And Schwarzenegger, the star of the Predator movie, was so taken with the impressive cake that he told Mr Heer he had 'outdone Hollywood'.

Mr Heer, aged 36, from Essington has previously designed cakes for stars including Floyd Mayweather, Anthony Joshua and Eddie Hall. The movie Predator was chosen as the theme for Arnie's visit to Birmingham, and also Leeds, to mark it being released 30 years ago.

Mr Heer said: "As soon as I got the confirmation I was doing the cake I watched it again for research – I knew I had to come up with something different."

Seventy-year-old Schwarzenegger appeared before 1,000 people at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole for an Experience With event where the Austrian-born actor told of his rags to riches story.

Arnie in Birmingham

Suspended boss finally leaves job at council

A COUNCIL boss suspended for nine months on full pay has now left the authority.

Staffordshire County Council said Jamie MacDonald, who had been the head of strategic property for nine years, was no longer working there.

The council has thanked him for his service and said he had gone on to 'explore other opportunities'.

Questions have been raised about the £72,000-a-year chief after it emerged he was suspended on December 29 last year. Some criticised the council and branded it a 'shambles' over the matter. Mr MacDonald would have picked up around £50,000 while being suspended.

Councillor Sue Woodward, leader of the Labour opposition group on the council, said lessons needed to be learned. She said: "In future in these sort of situations we need absolute assurances of a strict timetable as well as regular and periodic updates as it moves forward.

"It has just taken a ridiculously long time to get through this process and it has not been good for anyone."

Mr MacDonald was also director of the Penda Property Partnership. The 10-year joint venture between the council, the office of Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner and property group Kier, was announced in 2015 proposing sweeping changes involving more than 400 buildings owned by the two public offices.

Council leader Councillor Philip Atkins said: "Jamie MacDonald has left Staffordshire County Council after nine years of service as head of strategic property to explore other opportunities."

Fire chief earns degree honour

A FIRE and rescue chief has been recognised with an honorary degree by a university.

Rebecca Bryant, Chief Fire Officer of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, is the first woman to have progressed to the top job at a UK fire service. She received the award from the University of Wolverhampton at a graduation ceremony at the city's Grand Theatre.

The Honorary Doctor of Professional Practice was awarded in recognition of Ms Bryant's 'contribution and achievements in the fire and rescue service and acting as an inspirational leader in the field'.

She said: "I am completely overwhelmed to receive such an honour, this was certainly never something that I thought would happen."

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Villagers' plea brings bus route alterations

ARRIVA has announced changes to its No 3 Cannock-Walsall route to serve passengers in the Norton Green Lane and Chapel Street areas of Norton Canes.

From Monday, October 23, a No 3C will operate along this route in both directions, Monday to Friday, following requests from villagers.

For journeys to Cannock, the 8.10am bus from Walsall to Cannock will not serve Norton East Road and Burntwood Road, but will instead be diverted via Norton Green Lane and Chapel Street. This journey is due to arrive at Chapel Street/Chasewater Way in Cannock at 9am.

Return buses from Cannock to Walsall via Norton Green Lane and Chapel Street will depart from Cannock bus station at 11.03am and 12.03pm.

Rob Cheveaux, area managing director at Arriva Midlands, said: "At Arriva we work hard to provide sustainable and reliable transport services which offer our customers convenience and value for money.

"We constantly review the usage of our buses when planning our services and when changes are made we listen to the views of our customers and members of the public.

"We endeavour to provide services where there is a demand for them and hope the 3C will prove popular." Visit www.arrivabus.co.uk/midlands

Man struck by lorry near garden centre

A PEDSTRIAN suffered multiple injuries when he was hit by a lorry near near the Hollybush Garden Centre.

West Midlands Ambulance Service was called to Warstone Road, Shareshill, at 10.45am on Friday.

The casualty, who is in his 50s, was immediately given oxygen and pain relief before he was airlifted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

An ambulance, paramedic officer, trauma doctor and a crew from Cosford attended the accident alongside the helicopter from Tatenhill.

A spokeswoman for the ambulance service said: "The man was fully immobilised with a neck collar, spinal board and pelvic splint before being airlifted."

Walkers' next trip

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday is a nine-mile easy walk from Conkers Waterside Centre, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Meet at Hednesford railway station for a 9am departure. Call 01543 677816. New walkers welcome.

Thousands hit streets for 10k challenge

Sean Bevan and Jessie O'Sullivan from Cannock were among the runners

SERIOUS runners to dress-up cowboys – thousands of people took part in a 10k race at the weekend.

Stafford 10k was sold out weeks before Sunday's race with 3,000 runners joining the starting line.

It was organised by Stafford Borough Council. James Skelton won the race for a second year in a row with a time of 33min 4sec, while Lucy Holt was the first woman with a time of 38min 25sec.

Fifth overall, but the first finisher from Stafford Harriers, was warehouse manager Phillip Hilsdon, aged 39, from Stafford in 35min 38sec. Mr Hilsdon said: "It is a fantastic event which attracts good runners from the area. It's also nice to be running in your hometown."

Mr Hilsdon will be preparing to run the London Marathon next year.

Also taking part were Stafford couple Claire and Tony Powell, who raised £1,400 for Cancer Research UK.

Mrs Powell, 49, who works for General Electric, said: "We watched the Stafford Half Marathon and were plied with drinks until we said we'd do the 10k! But it has been worth it. It was a great event which brought out friends and family. The crowd kept me going too."

Starting in the heart of the town, the route took runners past Stafford Leisure Centre and then toward Beaconside before entering Victoria Park for a finish at Market Square.

Councillor Mike Smith, cabinet member for leisure at the borough council, said: "The Stafford 10k is a great addition to the town's sporting calendar and follows the huge success of our Stafford Half Marathon."

Watchdog under fire over Nunes case probe

TWO damning documents which appear to discredit the police watchdog's inquiry into the botched Kevin Nunes murder case have been released.

In letters to the Independent Police Complaints Commission, the 'evidence', 'objectivity' and 'balance' of the lengthy probe is questioned by Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis.

The IPCC were looking into failings by Staffordshire detectives and senior officers investigating the 2002 gangland killing.

Mr Ellis cleared then Staffordshire Chief Constable Jane Sawyers of any wrongdoing over mishandling the Nunes case in 2015, rejecting the IPCC's findings she should be disciplined for gross misconduct.

He has published the correspondence with the watchdog, dated March and June 2015, after growing increasingly frustrated over delays by the body in releasing its full report over the affair, known as Operation Kalmia.

Shooting

In the letter to IPCC Commissioner Cindy Butts, Mr Ellis said: "I do not think that the report is always objective or evidence-based in reaching its conclusions or consistently provides an accurate summary of the extensive evidence.

"The report also does not provide a balanced commentary and omits important considerations and analysis."

Stafford Rangers footballer Kevin Nunes, from Whitmore Reans,Wolverhampton, was killed in an 'execution-style' shooting in a country lane in Pattingham in 2002.

Five gangsters were jailed over the murder in 2008 but four years later had their convictions quashed after failings and wrongdoing by police were exposed by a whistleblower.

Mick Creedon, former Chief Constable of Derbyshire, carried out the IPCC probe and said he looked forward to the report's publication and he stood by it.

"The tragedy here is that no-one has been held to account for the murder of a young man," he added.

And we would walk 600 miles

Edna Pointon, Amy Perry, Cecilia Hughes, Jess Hyson and Doreen Burns celebrate the fundraising achievement

Staff at a care home have put their best foot forward to walk more than 600 miles for charity.

The team from the Horsefair Care Home in Rugeley have been testing their stamina in the epic walking challenge throughout September and were hoping to walk 500 miles.

But it was so popular that the total ended up being in excess of 600 miles. Through completing the walk they hope to raise as much money as possible for the Alzheimer's Society and the Maze Group which supports people caring for those with dementia in their own homes.

Speaking about the walk, Gemma Bertelsen, deputy manager, said: "When we started we thought 'Are we being a bit too optimistic suggesting we walk 500 miles?'. But actually it's become really competitive and we've smashed our target. We've had a flip chart in reception for staff to clock up their daily miles with people trying to beat each other.

"It's inspired everyone to get involved, even our maintenance man challenged himself to walk from Rugeley to Stone."

Donations are still being accepted. For more information, visit the home's Facebook page.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Extra £20m in cuts for police

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are facing further cuts of £20 million over the next four years, the Chief Constable has warned.

Gareth Morgan said the force would struggle to meet increasing demands with the budget being slashed.

Officers dealt with an extra 9,000 reported incidents last year.

He said: "Given the pressure on the budgets of every police force, doing more, with less, is a challenge that I don't believe we can continue to sustain. Neighbourhood policing is the bedrock of our force and will remain so – that's my continued commitment as your Chief Constable."

Security plan for pumping station

PLANS have been unveiled for increased security at a Grade II-listed pumping station following a break-in.

Brindley Bank pumping station, off Wolseley Road, Rugeley, was damaged when trespassers entered earlier this year. The station was opened by the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company in 1903. South Staffordshire Water wants to replace windows and install a security bar. A connected office would also be demolished.

A decision on a planning application submitted to Cannock Chase Council will be made in the coming months.

Choice of 20 beers at village festival

THERE will be a choice of 20 beers at the Penkridge Beer Festival this weekend.

The Penkridge Round Table event is being held in the Peace Memorial Hall tomorrow (Friday) and on Saturday.

It is open from 6pm to 11pm tomorrow and between midday and 5pm and from 6pm to 11pm on Saturday.

Cider and craft lager will also be on sale at the festival.

Tickets costing £6 for the evening sessions can be bought from The Boat pub in Cannock Road in advance.

U3A theatre group to put on one-man show

CANNOCK Chase U3A's theatre group are to put on a one-man production of The Life and Times of The Tat Man by David Calcutt.

The show is being staged on Friday, October 6 at 2pm at Pye Green Community Centre in Bradbury Lane.

Tickets are £10 each which includes an afternoon tea.

Anyone who would like tickets for the show can contact Graham Wright on 07926 757322.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

You can bet Rooney baby won't be a Laura

IT seems people will bet on anything these days. Apparently the bookies are now taking bets on what Wayne and Colleen Rooney's imminent baby will be called. Given that their eldest son is called Kai, which sounds like a budget hatchback from South Korea, and that his little brother is called Klay, your guess is as good as mine. But I will venture that Laura isn't among the frontrunners.

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IMAGINE, say, a veteran car club wanted to close 100 miles of road, cutting off vast swathes of the West Midlands for several hours. Or maybe a bunch of steam traction-engine fans. What do you imagine the reaction would be? Exactly.

Indeed, I recall that back in 2005 there was a big hoo-ha about a group of Second World War veterans, who were refused permission to commemorate VE Day by marching a few yards along Stourbridge's Enville. Can't have that, can we? Health and safety and all that.

So how did they manage to shut 100 miles of West Midlands roads off for Sunday's Birmingham Velo "cycling festival"?

Now if I really wanted to take part in a 100-mile bike ride, I think I would head for the coast, not Brum, but each to their own.

Actually, the Birmingham Velo appeared to have very little to do with Birmingham. Instead the organisers commandeered long stretches of Sandwell, Dudley, South Staffordshire and north Worcestershire. Apart from starting and finishing in Brum, the second city appeared to be largely absent from the route.

Look, nobody wants to be killjoys, and if the 19th century transport buffs want a large event to support their hobby, good for them. They should also be congratulated for raising a lot of money for charity.

But closing 100 miles of roads for hours on end, and cutting the region in two, does seem excessive for such a niche activity. And while lip-service may have been paid to "consultation" in the way that local councils do, I bet not many of you remember being asked for your opinions before it was given the go-ahead.

Maybe next time somebody wants to organise a huge event to promote cycling in Birmingham, it might, y'know, actually consider holding it in Birmingham. Then again, they seem to be struggling with emptying the dustbins over there at the moment.

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TWO-thirds of students who enrol on Wrexham University's marketing degree course drop out within the first year.

Seems rather strange to me. After all, it looks really good in the publicity material.

'Happiness index' on what influences our wellbeing

Mel Brooks, aged 91, would like to be remembered as 'taller, if possible'

Jean-Claude Juncker – some of us were warning about the destiny of the EU

Dennis Skinner MP – is applauded for sticking to his principles

Forget the money, I just want to sleep

A NEW "happiness index"claims the two things which really influence our health and wellbeing – far in excess of mere money – are sex and sleep. Although not, presumably, at the same time.

A READER draws my attention to an advert for a house for sale. According to the estate agent's blurb, it features "four bedrooms, master dressing area, bathroom and guest WC, no chain."

ON a sentimental trip to childhood haunts, I noticed the old meat-pie factory had vanished. I recall that someone in school knew somebody who worked in the pie factory whose thumb was chopped off in the mincing machine - and they never found it. And the strange thing was that, when you repeated this story, you always found that someone else knew someone who worked in another pie factory and he lost a thumb and it was never found. In the entire history of pie factories, has there ever been one which didn't have its own severed-thumb yarn?

IN an interview Hollywood legend Mel Brooks, 91, was asked how he'd like to be remembered. "Taller, if possible," he replied.

BROOKS laments the fact that a movie such as his 1974 Western spoof, Blazing Saddles, liberally littered with Jewish jokes and the N-word, could not be made today. He says political correctness is the death of comedy. Actually, it's worse than that. Blazing Saddles was not just a comedy. It was a sharp satire on racist attitudes in small-town America and it shone a light in dark places. PC is the enemy not only of comedy but of satire, comment, discussion and progress.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

AT London's Hyde Park Corner, a punch-up broke out between Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminists, or TERFs, and transgender campaigners including a group called SistersUncut. One of those hurt was a "gender critical feminist" who is a trans-woman and a humanist-funeral celebrant. Doesn't life seem awfully quiet out here in the provinces?

I RECENTLY reported the suggestion that owners of draughty houses might be forced to bring them up to modern insulation standards before being allowed to sell them. A reader says this is an issue which affects some of the grandest houses in the land. As he puts it: "Even Chequers has draughts."

CHEQUERS. Draughts. Yes it took a while.

A READER complains glumly about being nicked for speeding in Wales. For the first time in more than 40 years of driving, covering more than a million miles, he has penalty points on his licence. He is philosophical about it but I sympathise. Wales is a happy hunting ground for speed traps hidden in known "hotspots." Some of these are found on the approaches to remote villages where the 30mph limit may extend far into open country. Locals are aware of them but it's easy for outsiders leaving the village to believe the limit no longer applies. A few 30mph repeater signs in these areas would prevent a lot of speeding offences. But that's not the idea is it, boyos? They call it enforcing the law. I call it a tax on visitors.

HINDSIGHT is easy. But some of us were warning about the destiny of the EU long before the latest speech by Jean-Claude Juncker describing his hellish vision of a single-state EU with one president, centralised control of economies, the euro for all member nations and a fully-fledged EU defence union. There is nothing new in this. The choice in last year's referendum was never between Brexit and the EU status quo, because the EU is not standing still. It is moving toward something we want no part of. As I wrote a few days before the referendum: "What keeps me awake at night is the superstate it will become. Brussels has been careful not to use the F-word lately but the old dream of a federal EU, with existing nations reduced to canton-sized units such as Mercia and Catalonia, is still alive and well in the corridors of power. And so, as some British generals and security experts have pointed out, is the EU's old dream of its own armed forces." True then, truer now.

DENNIS Skinner votes against his Labour party on Europe and is applauded for sticking to his principles. Jacob Rees Mogg speaks out against abortion and is applauded for sticking to his principles. Have you noticed how much easier it is to applaud someone's principles when they are exactly the same as your own?

INCIDENTALLY, if you're thinking of emailing me about the German motorist who asked you for directions to Luger-Barooga (Loughborough), it is ancient.

TALKING POINT

No thought control, just leave the kids alone

'BOYS will be boys', or so the Ordinary Boys song goes. And girls will be girls.

And why should they – or their parents – be made to feel bad because they have slipped into 'gender stereotypes'?

There are people who would have us worry about this. So much so that not only are there action groups to prevent our little ones being led by misguided parents into this gender trap but now leading retailers have stepped in.

At the forefront of this 'gender neutral' drive is High Street giant John Lewis. The store is no longer restricting children by giving them labels – clothes labels that is. From now on their clothes will not be divided along gender lines and labels will read 'girls and boys' or 'boys and girls'.

It is also introducing a new neutral collection for boys and girls. A spokeswoman said they did not want to 'reinforce gender stereotypes'.

Have they not noticed that a lot of our teenagers are already wearing gender neutral clothes, baggy t-shirts and sports wear with trainers a prerequisite!

Meanwhile a school in east Sussex has changed its uniform policy so all new Year 7 students must wear trousers. The headmaster said pupils had been questioning why boys had different uniform to girls so they decided to have the same.

What message does that send to the young girls? Why should girls have to look like boys? I notice they didn't decide that everyone should wear skirts.

Action group, Let Clothes be Clothes, has been set up to persuade UK retailers to rethink how they market children's clothing.

As a new, impressionable and nervous mother I absorbed such rhetoric on 'good parenting' like a sponge.

Included in my son's sizeable toy box was a toy cleaning trolley while my daughter was taken to football and dressed in cool denim.

Naturally she also wore some of my son's hand-me downs, like generations before me. Maybe we have always been gender neutral we just didn't shout about it.

So does my now teenage son ever pick up the Hoover? Not likely! He likes action films, enjoys sports and mostly wears black. While my daughter, despite my best efforts, threw herself into pink, fluffy and Disney for many years.

So do I feel like I have failed? I most certainly do not. I am proud of the individuals my children have grown up to be.

In the words of Pink Floyd: 'We don't need no thought control . . . Leave them kids alone!'

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CCTV images show £8k phones theft at Tesco

The thieves have a bag at the ready during the raid at Tesco

One of the thieves captured on CCTV

POLICE have released images of two thieves who made off with phones worth almost £8,000 from a supermarket.

Officers are appealing for information on the incident, which happened in the middle of the night.

The hooded pair grabbed 15 mobile phones in total during the raid at Tesco in Hayes Way, Heath Hayes, at 1.43am on Tuesday, August 29.

CCTV images, made available last week by Staffordshire Police, shows them holding what appears to be a grey and green sack.

Both were wearing gloves while one of them, who was captured holding a pipe or a bat, was wearing grey trousers and a grey and black hooded top.

Appeal

The other suspect was wearing a black hooded coat.

Police have issued an appeal for information on the incident.

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This image shows a pipe or bat

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System is aimed at 'me first'

PETER Rhodes crows over 'losing our religions' and the demise of Christianity in particular and says people give anyway to disasters.

Since the abandonment of Christian teaching in schools, there has been an explosion of crimes of violence. Our society has abandoned Christianity to follow a number of 'gods'.

The capitalist system is aimed totally at 'me first'.

In Mr Rhodes's own industry of the Press, the union branches are known as 'chapels' because that is where they met initially.

When I was a child in the 1950s, I do not remember such an explosion of violence in society.

Today gun and knife crime is at an all-time high.

MR M FAWDREY
Hednesford

These two roles are completely different

OUR neighbouring MP, Eddie Hughes (Conservative) for Walsall North, has gone on record in parliament to suggest that nurses are already well paid compared to 'hairdressers, plumbers and carpenters' as his justification to not scrap the one per cent public sector pay increase cap.

As someone who is qualified as both a nurse and a hairdresser I can assure him the two roles are completely different. As a hairdresser I did not need to study for three years at university and be part of life or death decisions in the way I do as a nurse.

Nursing is a graduate profession, the starting salary of £22,000 does sound OK, but compare that to the starting salary of a graduate of law, architecture, engineering (which is the same level of qualification) and then you see the true undervaluing of NHS workers and contempt towards them by a Conservative government.

Our own MP Amanda Milling also voted against scrapping the public sector pay cap, despite the Cannock Chase constituency having a higher than national average of people employed in the public sector.

Do not cry when Cannock Hospital is closed if you voted Conservative – the Tories cannot be trusted with the NHS nor do not value it or its workers as this shows.

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Our team can help to tackle homelessness

WITH reference to the reports about the Hednesford foodbank's struggles, I would encourage residents to contact Cannock Chase Council's housing options team on any concerns that they have about individuals who are at risk of homelessness or facing homelessness. They will be visited and appropriate support and advice given.

The reasons for homelessness occurring are varied and complex but I would suggest that anyone who wishes to refer a person sleeping rough in their area should contact the team on 01543 462621.

CLLR FRANK ALLEN
Housing portfolio holder

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Advice for the older motorists

A SURVEY by Independent Age, the older people's charity, revealed that 41 per cent of drivers aged 70 and over in the West Midlands say they would feel like they'd lost part of their identity if they were not able to drive.

The survey was commissioned to promote our new, free advice guide, Behind the Wheel: Tips for safe and confident driving in later life.

The guide is full of tips to help support older drivers, and provides information on alternatives if they decide to stop driving.

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LUCY HARMER
Director of services

Patients need to know about how to complain

THE NHS provides excellent care to thousands of people day in, day out. We all have an understanding of the pressures the NHS faces, but this should not stop people from speaking up when things go wrong.

The NHS Constitution states that everyone has the right to complain, to have their complaint about NHS services acknowledged within three working days, and to have the matter properly investigated.

It is important that patients are also aware that if they are dissatisfied with the way in which their complaint is handled, they have the right to bring their complaint to us – the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) – for an independent and impartial view. It is imperative that people know their rights.

ROB BEHRENS
Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Programme is a disaster

THE Tories have been in government for over seven years. During that period we were all told we must live within our means, and that cuts were an absolute necessity to fix the ailing economy. But nothing could have been further from the truth – the Government's austerity programme has been an unmitigated disaster which has led to division and a 'broken Britain'.

PAUL WITTON
Cannock

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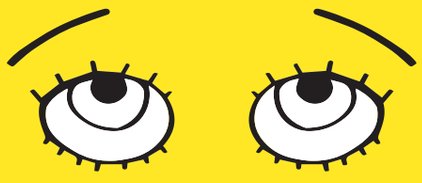

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Fourth new club member of the year

SI Cannock & District

VAL Jones, president of Soroptimist International of Cannock & District, was delighted to induct Dr Dawn Pope as a member of the club.

She is the fourth new member to be inducted in this Soroptimist year.

Dr Pope is an environmental auditor, who has lived locally for 20 years. She is married with a grown-up son.

She was previously a member of SI Stafford and thoroughly enjoyed her membership but found juggling that with her career and family difficult.

She now feels she has the time to make a full commitment to the club and to the work of the organisation.

Dr Pope was introduced by Soroptimist Dr Janis Lomas, who will also be her mentor. Dawn thanked club members for their very friendly welcome to her over the past few weeks.

She said "I have been looking again at the work of Soroptimists: educating, empowering and enabling women. I'm looking forward to getting involved in projects."

Members are sure that she will be an asset to the club.

More information about Soroptimist International is available on the website www.sigbi.org and about the Cannock cub on www.sigbi.org/cannock-and- district or on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SICannock

Cheque handed over year's chosen charity

Lion President Jane, centre, presents the final cheque of £450 to teachers Michelle Bennett and Alison Smith

Rugeley Lions Club

AT the end of the Lionistic year the club calculated the donation it had agreed to make to its charity of the year. This was supporting peripatetic teachers who look after visually impaired children outside of school activities.

These youngsters may not be able to participate in all school activities with normally sighted children and the teachers look to get them together on evenings and weekends to ensure they can take part in activities and are with others of the same impairment.

The total donation amounted to £1,200, and after funding £250 for the first three quarters the final cheque of £450 was presented.

This year's charity of the year is the Mase Group (Monthly Alzheimers Support Evening), which meets monthly in Rugeley, Cannock, Hednesford and Haughton giving people with dementia, relatives and social care professionals the chance to meet and socialise with others in a similar situation.

Camden Market trip enjoyed

THE club joined with Anne Tonkiss who was celebrating her golden wedding and Jenny Thomas her 70th birthday with cakes and a drink.

The trip to Camden Market and canal ride was a great day out, thanks to Sandie for organising it.

The Christmas outing will be to Tatton Park on December 1. The group is hosting a coffee morning for Macmillan on September 29, from 10am to noon at the Memorial Hall, Rugeley Road. Everyone enjoyed a performance by Bel Canto, a mixed voice choir formed in 2012 initially to raise funds for Cancer Research UK which they continue to do.

Burntwood WI

The competition was a 3D scarecrow, won by Margaret Copland. The next meeting is on October 5 at 7pm at the Memorial Hall.

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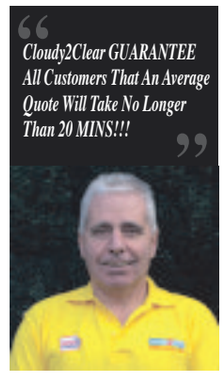

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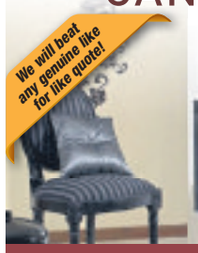

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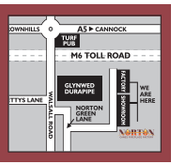

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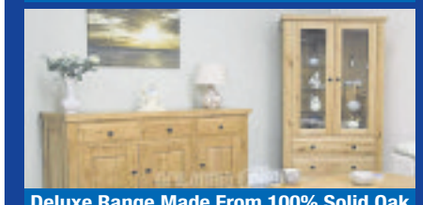

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COMPETITION

It's the World – but not as we know it

THE world's biggest digital stars are being brought together under one roof for the first time in a new live show.

The multi-million pound production makes its debut at Birmingham's Genting Arena. HelloWorld is to launch on Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29 with tickets on sale via helloworldlive.com

Chronicle readers have the chance to win free tickets as 15 pairs are up for grabs for the Sunday show.

From the creatives behind the MTV VMAs, this world-first event brings together the biggest digital stars on the planet – headliners include Zoella, PointlessBlog, Joe Sugg, Caspar Lee, Rose & Rosie, Jim Chapman, Louise Pentland, Tyler Oakley, KSI, Marcus Butler, Oli White, Jake Mitchell, JanaVlogs, Katie Pix, LookingforLewys, Lucy and Lydia, Jack Maynard, Mark Ferris, Niki and Sammy, The Shades, Josh Pieters, New Hope Club and more will be ready to share a mind-blowing live experience.

Where the online world collides with the real world, guests arrive into the living, breathing space of HelloWorld and take a stroll down Main Street where the sun is rising over the town, the day begins and the town comes alive. The biggest stars in Social Media are getting up close and personal with their fans.

There are live music performances, games, bake-offs, parades, a fashion show, a Giant Arcade Machine, signings and talks, even weather forecasts! Yes, HelloWorld even has its own weather!

Suddenly the sun goes down, there's a thunderstorm and the town is bathed in moonlight as the evening entertainment begins on the main stage, a 30ft high projection mapped Emoji House! The HelloWorld DJ provides the soundtrack as guests cheer along to games and live interviews with the stars. The night closes with a giant house party.

HOW TO ENTER

To be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets just answer the following.

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New role for Rebecca is simply sheer poetry

Shop in running for title

Butchers Andy McLeod and Mick Davis from Essington Fruit Farm

THE team at Essington Farm's shop are celebrating after it was named as one of the best in the country.

The shop in Bognop Road is in the running for the Meat Trades Journal's Butcher's Shop of the Year title after being shortlisted for the prize. Co-owner Richard Simkin, who lives on the farm with his family, said: "We are delighted. It's a credit to the people involved – all the family and staff.

The winner of the award will be announced at a London ceremony on November 6.

Father-of-two Mr Simkin added: "I'm delighted to be part of the team. We have been running the business all our lives.

"It's really rewarding to see that we are national finalists."

REBECCA Lockwood from Cannock has been chosen as the new Young Poet Laureate for Staffordshire.

The 17-year-old is the fifth person to be given the role, which promotes a love of poetry and showcases the creative writing skills of young people across the county. She performed her powerful poems alongside other shortlisted poets, impressing the judges at a special event at Church Lane Evangelical Church in Stafford.

Rebecca

Rebecca, currently in Year 13 at Cannock Chase High School, said: "I am delighted.

"I am especially excited for my year ahead, as I hope to create poetry events specifically for young people throughout Staffordshire where we can openly discuss and relate to each other in a time where things around us can appear daunting.

"I love poetry and also manage a blog dedicated to my poetry which I also hope to share with other young people."

Councillor Gill Heath, cabinet member responsible for libraries at Staffordshire County Council, which organises the scheme, said: "I'm delighted to welcome Rebecca to her new role. I know the judges were very impressed with her poetry."

Rebecca will take up her tenure today (Thursday) – National Poetry Day. Her blog can be found at rebeccalockwoodblog.wordpress.com

● Staffordshire's first poetry collection will be launched today at Stafford Library.

During the evening, people will be able to welcome the new Young Poet Laureate Rebecca Lockwood and the new Staffordshire Poet Laureate being announced on the night.

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Bankruptcy order over woman's £140k theft

A HEDNESFORD woman has been handed an 11-year bankruptcy restriction after stealing more than €160,000 from her employer in Holland.

Kandy Jean Wilson, aged 48, of Broadway, was convicted in 2014 of committing theft with a false key, forgery of documents and employee embezzlement after withdrawing €161,725 (£142,749) on credit cards belonging to her Dutch employer.

She has now been made subject of the 11-year restriction, which means, among other constraints, she cannot loan more than £500 without disclosing the restriction, she cannot act as a director of a company or run a company without permission from the courts, she cannot be a trustee of a charity and she cannot work in various posts in education, such as being a school governor.

Pursued

Wilson was arrested by the Dutch authorities in July 2011 after an investigation by the insolvency service found she had been withdrawing the cash between August 2009 and July 2011 while employed as a bookkeeper.

She completed community service in Holland but her employer pursued her for compensation of the embezzlement, which led to them petitioning for her bankruptcy. The bankruptcy order was made against her on August 17, 2016.

The bankruptcy undertaking was accepted by the Secretary of State on July 21 this year and means Wilson will be bound for 11 years by the restrictions set out in insolvency law until 2028.

The total liability to Wilson's employer was 203,496 euros – roughly £175,000 at the time of the bankruptcy order. Kevin Read, the official receiver at the Insolvency Service, said: "The Insolvency Service always looks very closely at individuals who demonstrate dishonesty."

Boost for Friends' service

From left, Janet Walker, facilities manager, Emma O'Gara, volunteer co-ordinator, Joyce Massey, Angela Littler, Melissa Coxon, Kay Devey, Anne Martin and Cliff Shore, president of Cannock Rotary Club

STAFFORD & Cannock League of Hospital Friends were delighted to be presented with a new trolley donated by Rotarians.

The group's daily service enables patients and staff to buy newspapers, confectionery, sandwiches and cold drinks, not only on the wards but also in the out-patient areas.

Cliff Shore, president of Cannock Rotary Club, handed over the trolley to a number of volunteers.

He said: "Rotary are delighted to support the work done by the League of Friends and we are sure the new trolley can only help to improve on the excellent service provided by the many volunteers."

The League of Friends provide their service at Cannock Chase Hospital through their coffee bar in the assessment unit and Friends Café on Level 2 with all profits going to the hospital.

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Hedgehogs day makes its point

Gavin Williamson and Joan Lockley pose with their prickly friend

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson attended the annual West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue open day.

The charity was established by Joan Lockley, from Cheslyn Hay, and her work was recognised by the International Fund for Animal Welfare's Animal Action Award in 2015. She has also been nominated for the Black Country 100 Masters for her work rescuing hedgehogs.

The day aimed to raise money to support the care of rescued hedgehogs as well as increase awareness on how to help them. Mr Williamson said: "I really enjoyed attending the West Midlands Rescue Open Day again.

"This is an event I always look forward to as I am always so humbled by the work Joan Lockley and her team do to rescue, and care for, injured hedgehogs. It's amazing to see that the charity is going from strength to strength, and I hope that Joan's enthusiasm and warmth helps inspire others who are passionate about caring for animals."

Firm fined £50k after worker crushed

A COMPANY has been fined £50,000 after a worker was crushed at a demolition site in Staffordshire suffering life-changing injuries.

The fine was imposed on Wolverhampton-based Sterry Lane Ltd, trading as LPD Demolition. Magistrates heard how a 39-year-old employee was crushed by a reversing excavator on May 3 last year.

By David Cosgrove

The magistrates sitting in Newcastle under Lyme were told that Sterry Lane employees had been contracted to complete demolition work on the site in Stafford.

Workers were moving debris around the excavator when it began to reverse, crushing the man and leaving him with serious injuries to one of his legs and his torso. He also suffered multiple fractures to his legs and pelvis, and punctured lungs and liver injuries.

The man now requires assistance to move around his home and has not returned to work, more than 16 months after the incident.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found the company failed to implement a suitable management system to segregate pedestrians and vehicles. The investigation also found the company failed to adequately plan demolition work on site and failed to highlight the risks of workers and machinery operating in the same areas, without clear communication between the driver and workers on the ground.

Sterry Lane Ltd of Hickman Avenue, Eastfield, pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 15 (2) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. The company was fined £50,000 and ordered to pay costs of £1,726.88.

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Builder helps improve school library

From left, Tim Asson, Amy Deeley, Toni Dadd, Andy Speke, Miss Sarah Roberts and Callum Milner

A HOUSEBUILDING company has given a cash donation to a Penkridge school to help it improve its library.

Wolgarston High School received £1,000 after applying to Persimmon Homes West Midlands to become one of its Community Champions.

The builder chose the school to benefit from its monthly match-funded donation. Persimmon is building Lyne Hill Meadow in the town

Stephen Cleveley, director-in-charge for Persimmon Homes West Midlands, said: "We strongly believe in supporting the communities where we build. Therefore, we are delighted to be able to support Wolgarston High School in this way." Staff and pupils have been working hard to raise money to buy new books for the library as part of their fundraising work, with proceeds also going to good causes such as Cancer Research UK and Comic Relief.

Learning resources centre administrator Sarah Roberts said: "Our library is an extended learning hub for our students. It is a place where students of different backgrounds and abilities can socialise and learn together."

'New focus' as annual fireworks called off

STAFFORD Round Table have announced that the annual Shugborough Estate fireworks will not be going ahead this year.

Due to the pressures on the small group of volunteers, the charity have decided to keep working with the National Trust to focus their efforts on creating events all year round as opposed to one big one.

It was first held 30 years ago and is a family fun day with activities such as a children's themed show and fairground rides with all the money going towards local charities and good causes.

Jon Gerrard, chairman of Stafford Round Table, said: "An event as large as this takes many hours of planning and costs a lot of money to stage.

"Over the last few years, the costs of putting on the event have continued to increase.

Time

"We're a small group of volunteers and all of our fundraising events take place because our members give up many hours of their time for free.

"We don't believe that the money we now raise from the event is commensurate with the time that we spend in organising it.

"As a result, we're going to focus our resources on creating a more sustainable calendar of fundraising activities and events throughout the year.

"I'd like to thank everyone who has played their part in organising and attending the event over the years."

Hayley Mival, project manager at Shugborough Estate, said: "As a charitable organisation ourselves, we fully understand this decision as we can appreciate how much time and effort goes into organising such a large event.

"We are very keen to continue to support the group and plan to meet to discuss ideas," he added.

Alert on electrical faults

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service are urging residents to register their electrical appliances and check they are in proper working order as winter approaches.

Figures from the last five years show that between October and December, there is usually around a 50 per cent increase in fires caused by faulty electrical equipment, compared with the summer months, in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

Winter months see an increase in the use of electric heaters, electric blankets, tumble dryers and lighting.

Stephanie Cooley, community safety lead, said: "The winter months usually see a huge rise in faulty equipment fires, most of which can be easily prevented if the equipment is checked thoroughly to make sure that it is working correctly, there is no damage or faulty wiring, it is maintained properly, registered and tested."

"Although most of these fires only result in damage to property, in the worst cases they have unfortunately resulted in a fatality.

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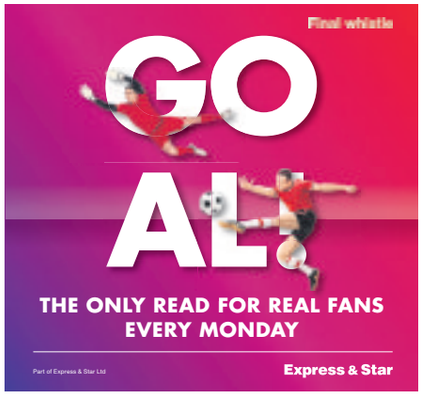

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999 trust cuts agency staff spend by £2.8m

WEST Midlands Ambulance Service has cut its spending on agency staff by £2.8 million in one year, new figures show.

It comes after bosses brought in a policy of focusing on employing its own workers wherever possible in a move they say ensures the public gets 'the best possible service'.

Figures released via a Freedom of Information request show the service spent £3,237,000 on agency staff in 2015-16 but over the past year the bill has fallen to £449,000.

The 86 per cent drop continues the pattern of reduced expenditure on agency staff, which usually cost far more to employ on an hourly rate than those taken on as WMAS employees.

Between 2014-15 and 2015-16 the agency staff spend was reduced by 19 per cent.

Forward

The figures also show that WMAS used no agency paramedics over the three-year period. It is the only ambulance service in the country without any vacancies for paramedics.

WMAS spokesman Murray MacGregor said: "We feel that having our own staff is the right way forward and, as a rule, our view is that we would prefer not to use agency staff at all.

"Due to having an excellent recruitment process, we have no paramedic vacancies and do not require the use of Red Cross or other volunteers.

"This shows that not only do people want to come and work for us, but also that the people of the West Midlands are getting a very good service from us."

WMAS employs around 5,000 workers.

Earlier this year it became the first trust in the country to receive an 'outstanding' rating from health watchdog the Care Quality Commission.

Couriers carry off award

Celebrating their award are staff from Depot 44, EDS Couriers, Andy Evans, who is also an APC board member, Ian Hurst, Janet Evans, Lisa Morris, Holly Evans, Phil Sutton, Colin Nonis, Erica Ally and Mark Locke

EDS Couriers, based in Cannock, has been recognised as Midland Regional Depot of the Year for its outstanding efforts in delivering record customer experience scores, sales growth and delivery performance.

The accolade came at delivery network APC Overnight's annual All Depot Meeting in Birmingham.

Jonathan Smith, CEO at APC Overnight, said: "EDS Couriers truly deserves this accolade.

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Questionnaire was incomplete

THE report headlined "Mental health crisis 'tip of iceberg' for force" made me immediately question if our MP Amanda Milling and Cannock Clinical Commissioning Group (who decide how NHS money is spent in the area) actually value mental health care or not (Chronicle, September 14).

Is this why the police are dealing with so many incidents of mental health, rather than NHS mental health services?

A number of residents recently received a health questionnaire from Amanda Milling to gain our satisfaction views on using health services in the local area.

I was not happy with a couple of aspects of the questionnaire. Did anyone else notice there was no mention of NHS mental health or learning disability services in any way at all?

There was actually a 6.6 per cent reduction in mental health spend (£900,000) from the CCG in the last financial year.

GEORGE ADAMSON
Cannock

My teatime turned into an odd time

ON Saturday I was sitting in my kitchen eating my tea and listening to the radio.

Suddenly my kitchen television switched on. Odd, I thought, so I switched it off using the remote.

Then a short time later it happened again. Now I do not believe in all that hocus pocus stuff, but I would appreciate any feedback on this. Did anyone else experience anything like it?

Things like reading lights acting strange, or anything that made you think 'now that's odd'. Please, please, NO stories about things flying across the room or contact with the 'other side'.

LESINTHESHED
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Expect red tape and restrictions

BRITS with non-EU spouses now have to earn above £18,600 before their partners can move with them to the UK. Come Brexit, EU spouses could face the same treatment too.

Of course, if you've got money or a well-paid job you can live anywhere.

If you're a student, low earner or pensioner, expect red tape and restrictions.

As for EU migrants 'getting free housing and an income', Cameron's EU deal included no benefits entitlement for four years.

I was certainly never given benefits or free housing when I lived abroad – but I was given the freedom to broaden my horizons.

Now Brexit will cost young people their EU freedom of movement.

MRS CLARE SHOLL
Burntwood

You cannot get back more than you pay in

BORIS Johnson may not be good at maths but anyone can work out that you can't get back from any organisation £350 million a week, as was claimed on the big red bus, if the amount you are paying in is actually just under £250m.

The £350m is what the UK would contribute to the EU budget if Mrs Thatcher had not negotiated a rebate. It is not what is being paid now. Furthermore, of the £250m, all but around £8m comes back to the UK in grants to farmers, to universities, for regional aid and for community projects.

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Ownership had impact

AFTER reading Councillor Paul Witton's letter, we have to look back and remind ourselves that the landscape has totally changed ("Counting the human cost of the housing policy", September 21).

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Anti-vandal bid on deer alarms

ANTI-VANDAL devices are being used on alarms designed to keep deer off a road on Cannock Chase.

As report in the Chronicle, the new deterrent will help protect the creatures from traffic on the A513.

In January, similar lights in Burntwood were vandalised, but this time Staffordshire County Council hopes it can beat the vandals.

Councillor Gill Heath, cabinet member for communities, said: "In order to make the deterrents more secure, we have used anti-vandal screws to attach them to the poles.

"Last time, we believe the problems with damage were mainly due to people not knowing what the deterrents were for, so we have tried to remedy this by putting stickers on the poles as well as other signage to let people know."

The devices are triggered by headlights setting off an alarm and a strobe-type light to startle the deer.

One of the roadside alarms and, *inset*, a warning sign

It's great when we can help, says comic Chris

COMEDIAN Chris Stokes has told how he stepped in to help a Great Wyrley nursery after being contacted by an old school friend.

The up-and-coming comedian, currently touring with international comedy star Milton Jones, has organised a fundraising show in Cannock.

He was recruited by mother-of-two Gemma Meers, a volunteer on the committee for the Holly Lane nursery, which has been forced to scrap much of its outdoor play equipment. The charity is now desperately trying to raise enough cash for a new 'soft ground' to replace the old one which Ofsted said was no longer considered safe.

Gemma got in touch with Chris and he has signed up some of his comedy pals for a charity show at the Prince of Wales Theatre on October 8. Chris said: "It was so nice to reconnect with Gemma after so many years, as I unfortunately drifted away from the area and lost touch with a good many people, and hearing about the nursery's difficulty was reason enough to agree to help.

Chris Stokes – 'nice to reconnect'

"As comedians we so often make people laugh for 20 minutes but it's great when we can also help in some way and do some good at the same time."

The nursery is a registered charity which offers the community affordable childcare but relies on donations and fundraising.

Taking to the stage with Chris in Cannock will be comedy magician Pete Firman and David Longley, who has written for Channel 4's 8 Out of 10 Cats. MC is Kiri Pritchard McLean, described as one of British comedy's fastest rising stars .

If a sell-out, the charity night will raise £4,500. Tickets are £18 available from the box office on 01543 578762 or the nursery on 01922 417256.

Rider and child hurt in collision

A MOTORCYCLIST and child were injured in a collision involving a car.

The incident happened on Wolverhampton Road, near Longford Island, last Tuesday at 5.09pm. West Midlands Ambulance Service was called to the scene.

Police officers closed off the road while investigations into the crash were carried out.

The motorcyclist suffered minor injuries, but did not require hospital treatment.

A child in the car also suffered minor seat belt injuries.

● Drivers faced 'severe' delays after a crash involving two lorries and a car transporter on the M6. Three lanes southbound between junctions 10 and nine were blocked after the crash at 6.18am last Tuesday.

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Visit puts district in the regeneration spotlight

BUSINESS delegates were shown first-hand the regeneration priorities for the Cannock Chase district.

Representatives from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) were treated to a whistle-stop tour taking in Rugeley Power Station, Kingswood Lakeside, the railway stations in Rugeley, Hednesford and Cannock, as well as housing sites and town centres.

Hosted by Cannock Chase Council, the purpose of the visit was to highlight the priority projects and visit areas which have already benefitted from GBSLEP investment.

The GBSLEP has invested more than £14,000,000 into projects in Cannock Chase including the Business Development Programme; Greenbridge; Business Innovation Programme; Local Growth Funding; and Unlocking Housing Sites.

Back row, from left, Debbie Harris from Cannock Chase Council, Simon Marks from GBSLEP, Michael Tichford , James Morgan, both from the council, Roger Mendonca from GBSLEP, Glenn Watson from the council and, front row, Nirmal Samrai from the council, Councillor Frank Allen, Sarah Hughes from GBSLEP and Councillor Gordon Alcott

Important

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning, said: "The funding that we have received from the GBSLEP has not only brought business into the district but has also brought in employment opportunities.

"This visit was important to show GBSLEP representatives the areas in the district which have already received investment, as well as informing them of the council's future regeneration priorities. We hope this visit has shown them the potential for the district and will help us to secure funding for investment into Cannock Chase in the future."

GBSLEP board director Simon Marks said: "Cannock has taken a proactive approach to economic development."

House prices up £10k in year

HOUSE prices across the West Midlands were typically £10,000 higher in July than a year earlier, official figures show.

The average price of a home across the region rose to £189,077 in July, according to the latest data released by the Office for National Statistics jointly with other bodies.

Property values were up by 6.9 per cent in the year to July, rising 1.8 per cent on the previous month. In Staffordshire a 4.82 per cent rise took the average house price to £183,560 – up almost £7,000.

Average house prices in South Staffordshire stood at £219,013 in July – up £8,000 or £5.4 per cent over the year. In Cannock Chase they rose nearly £8,000 to £159,329 – up 6.29 per cent – while in Stafford average prices were up 2.02 per cent to £196,134 representing a rise over the year of almost £4,600.

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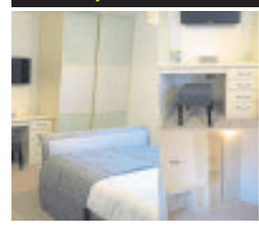
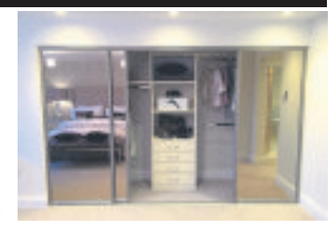

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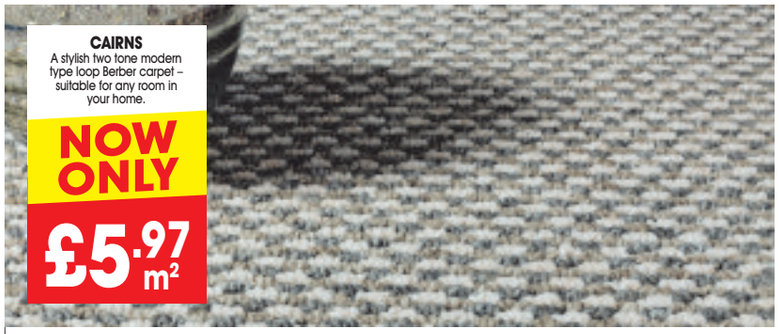

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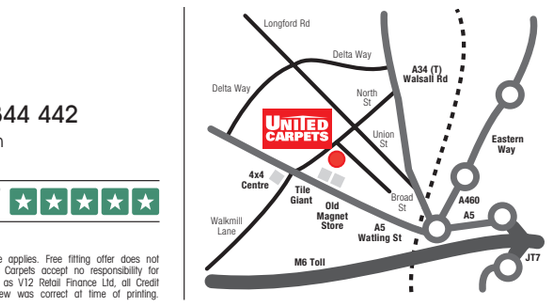

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There are around8,000 people over 65 across South Staffordshire estimated to be living with dementia. Over 1,500 of these live in and around Cannock.

Laura Simmonds, the local Dementia Support Manager for Alzheimer's Society said: "Getting a diagnosis early on when a person develops dementia can be a useful tool in easing uncertainty, providing improved support and planning for the future."If someone is concerned about their memory or someone else's then they are advised to speak with their GP first.

A Dementia Adviser can help both the person with the diagnosis as well as their familyto understand the diagnosis, work them to ensure the person with dementia continues to live well at home and in their community, provide coping strategies for living with dementia, and plan for the future. Assistance can be given to help access appropriate benefits.

Alzheimer's Society also operates a number of group activities across South Staffordshire. The Service can also provide information about both these groups and those provided by other organisations, so that people can find a group which serves them best. People living with dementia and their carers can become socially isolated as dementia progresses; often friends and family don't understand or know how to deal with the illness. These groups all provide social interaction and support.

Chris Stewart, a carer from Cannock said: *"The home visit provided by our dementia adviser was fabulous because family members listened to each other and came up with a plan. The dementia adviser was really professional, listened and everyone came to see what could be done to make life much better for my grandad, now we have had the support we are moving forward with more positivity. We could not have asked for a better person to arrive".*

The Service supports people and their carers on a face-to-face basis or over the telephone. For those that would prefer to find information for themselves there are a wealth of information fact sheets and booklets available to download from the Alzheimer's Society website. Additionally, outside of the normal working hours support can provided by accessing the online forum 'Talking Point', again on the Alzheimer's Society website, and also from the Alzheimer's Society National Dementia Helpline on 0300 222 11 22.

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MP is urging all to dress in pink

Amanda Milling – 'it's such a fun and easy way to support Breast Cancer Now's vital research'

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling is urging people to dress up in pink in support of breast cancer research.

Ms Milling joined fellow parliamentarians in Westminster to show her support for the thousands of women and men affected by breast cancer each year, encouraging people across the UK to take part in Wear it Pink Day.

"Breast cancer is the most common cancer in the UK," she said.

"One in eight women will face it in their lifetime, and every year around 11,500 women and 80 men lose their lives to the disease.

"This is why I'm urging everyone in Cannock Chase to take part in Wear it Pink Day.

"It's such a fun and easy way to support Breast Cancer Now's vital research, and help stop breast cancer taking the lives of those we love."

The event takes place on October 20 during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For further details and a free fundraising pack visit wearitpink.org/2017

Specialist nurse and GPs lead cancer fight

TWO GPs and a specialist nurse are to help spearhead a campaign to improve cancer survival rates in southern Staffordshire.

By David Banner

They will also play a leading role for improving the way patients with cancer and nearing the end of their life are supported and cared for. Dr Joanna Harley and Dr Murray Campbell are to become Macmillan GP Facilitators.

Meanwhile, Sarah Gorton has become Macmillan Nurse Facilitator.

The three roles are being funded by Macmillan Cancer Support for the next two years.

The aim is to help and support other GPs and practices throughout the area using their specialist knowledge, and to identify where improvements can be made.

They will also advise the area's three NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Ms Gorton, who has been a specialist nurse with Macmillan Cancer Support for two years and was previously a District Nurse working in East Staffordshire and a Public Health nurse, said: "We want to raise awareness among local medical professionals and the public about the levels of support there are for any patients affected by cancer."

Dr Campbell has been a GP in Staffordshire for around 30 years, working in practices in Great Wyrley, Norton Canes, Chadsmoor and now as a part-time GP at Alderwood medical practice in Cannock. He has also been a member of the governing body of Cannock Chase CCG.

Dr Harley is a GP at Westgate Practice in Lichfield and has a diploma in palliative care for patients approaching the end of their lives.

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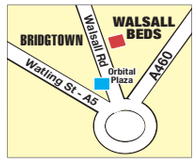

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The event was organised by Ian Pitt, Steve Williams and Phil Bowyer.

The football club provided the Chase Suite free of charge. Willow Blinds of Walsall sponsored the food, and Dewsbury's of Hednesford laid on the buffet.

Fashion show fundraiser is Bliss for Chloe

Connor Johnson from Dream Street Models meets a local

Chloe Jasmine with Alyssia Watts

Harriotte Lane from Revail

Leading model Eleanor Sippings enjoyed her day out

THE organiser of a fashion show at a Staffordshire reindeer park is overjoyed at its success.

The proceeds raised will go to a cause very dear to her heart. The sell-out show at Blithbury Reindeer Lodge has raised funds for Sandwell Young Carers and the MS Therapy Centre in Wolverhampton.

Organiser Chloe Avon's mum Tracey Susan attended the centre for oxygen therapy. She died in April aged 45 after a two-year battle with cancer.

The event, entitled Scandinavian Bliss, was organised by Dream Street Models based in Walsall for their annual show. Chloe said: "I wanted to bring the fashion we see in London to right here in the Midlands. We have so many talented people here, and it's time to bring them all together and create something incredible.

"It was also an honour to raise awareness for the MS Therapy Centre in Wolverhampton as my mum was a service user for oxygen therapy before she passed away."

Special guests included X Factor's Chloe Jasmine and Britain and Ireland's Next Top Model star Eleanor Sippings.

The show showcased designers who create couture and finely tailored garments from across the UK. And there was a focus on local outlets, such as Joules stockist High Ash of Abbots Bromley, and Blush Lingerie Boutique in Rugeley.

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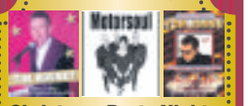

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It was not all fun and games when the group were at Cannock Chase, as they were developing problem solving, teamwork, and confidence building – but they did get to go on the Tarzan swing. It was organised as part of the BBO Evolve Project, funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the European Union through the European Social Fund.

Training provider Performance Through People (PTP) and Steps to Work, a Walsall-based charity, are delivering the project locally. The six people also learned about CV writing and interview techniques at the PTP's Cannock training centre.

Reece Love, aged 21, from Cannock, attended and said: "I liked doing the group activities and the staff were very supportive and helpful."

Dawn Hawkins, employability skills tutor for the BBO Evolve Project, based at PTP's Cannock centre, said: "In the modern workplace, people need a wide variety of skills, which can't always be developed through traditional classrooms and courses. Bringing this group out to this type of environment helps them to learn skills in a relaxed and fun environment."

Reece Love, Dawn Hawkins, Raymond Watkiss and Phil Jones

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Co-founders Mizz and Christian spent many years prior to the launch travelling the world in search of new tastes and trends, from Dubai to New York.

Heavenz Desserts' first restaurant opened on March 11, 2017, with great applause from the local residents, and in the months following went from strength to strength, proving to its founders that they had hit on something quite spectacular.

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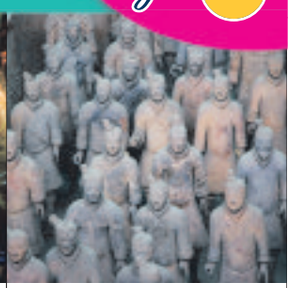

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Ruth: The Grand is a spiritual home

She's as breathless as a 21-year-old featuring in her first production.

Yet Ruth Madoc is one of the most seasoned performers in theatre – a star who played alongside Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor and Peter O'Toole before becoming a household name through TV's Hi-de-Hi!

She's back on the road in a new production of The Wedding Singer, which features at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Tuesday until October 7.

It's 1985. Hair is huge, greed is good and rock-star wannabe Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favourite wedding singer. When his own fiancée dumps him at the altar a seriously bummed out Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. The hilarious effects play out in The Wedding Singer.

Ruth loves the show: "It's fantastic. It's a really good high-octane piece. There's no cynicism. It's absolutely lovely. The audience can sit down and enjoy the beat as well as enjoying the love story. It's very simple but very well done."

The Wedding Singer stars Jon Robyns, best known for Avenue Q, Legally Blonde.

On a song – Ruth Madoc (right) stars in The Wedding Singer

QUICKLY

Sweet-natured Julia, (Cassie Compton: X Factor) and her best friend Holly try to lure Robbie out of the dumpster and back into the limelight?

But if he doesn't act quickly, she might head off down the aisle with Wall Street bad boy Glenn (Ray Quinn: X Factor, Dancing On Ice)? However, Grandma Rosie (Ruth) seems to be able to see that Robbie and Julia are the couple that are meant to be.

Ruth adds: "It's a blast. We started it in February and are slowly coming towards the end. We played Shrewsbury earlier this month and I enjoyed that because I'd never played it. Then we've got the Grand, in Wolverhampton, which I've played many times. I've done all sorts of different things. You name it I've done it. I did Under Milkwood when the theatre was privately owned. The lady that owned it owned the Phoenix in London and a theatre in Morecombe. That was 1965/66. I'm really looking forward to it. It's like a spiritual home."

Ruth hits the road with her husband at the start of a production and doesn't look back.

"It's a bit like being a gypsy. We put everything in the back of the Santa Fe and just keep going. We're well into our 70s and my husband and I are like two old kippers in a box."

She enjoys lining up with new stars who are gradually carving out a career. "I'm literally old enough to be their grandmother. But the cast are very good, they never leave me out just because I'm older. If they're going out socially they always include us.

I think that's what I like about this show. And the production itself is brilliant. The dancing is just marvellous and the choreography is amazing. I still get an enormous thrill from just looking at the side of the stage and watching it."

Ruth has a remarkable CV. And she's continually re-remembering things that she's done in the past. "Funny enough one of the guys said to me in the cast last night, what did I love? He'd recorded something on Film Four. It was a film I did with Jonathan Pryce and I'd forgotten I'd done it. It became a cult that. That was amazing. There's been other stuff over the years, like the film of Fiddler and the film of Under Milkwood with Richard Burton, which was amazing. I was in the original."

She still purrs affectionately when she remembers working with the great Richard Burton.

"He was fabulous. He was absolutely super to work with. He didn't keep himself to himself, he mixed with the rest of us. There were all sorts in that: Tim Healy, Liz Taylor and Peter O'Toole."

The audience can enjoy the beat as well as enjoying the love story

TV, film and theatre have been the mainstays of her career – and she's loved them all. "I have enjoyed TV and stage equally. I love the stage but I love TV and film too. I like it all. I'm greedy."

And yet she's invariably linked with her portrayal of Gladys Pugh, in Hi-de-Hi. It's a role that has never left her – and she's grateful for that. A more recent role, in Little Britain, has also followed her around.

"I'll never get rid of Gladys but I loved playing her. As for Little Britain, well, that was offered to me but when I saw the script, my husband said 'no, it's rude'.

"So I sent it my son and he read it and he asked if I'd ever seen it. He told me I'd get street cred for doing it, so I went for it and here we are."

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Beverley Knight in panto mode

Bev can't wait to weave her panto magic in Brum

SOUL singer Beverley Knight is making her pantomime debut at Birmingham Hippodrome – and can't wait to thrill audiences including family and friends

The singer and West End star will take her panto bow as the Fairy Godmother in Cinderella, alongside Emmerdale, Dancing on Ice and Hear'Say star Suzanne Shaw, comic and Hippodrome panto regular Matt Slack and comedy duo Ceri Dupree and Phil Randall, who will play the Ugly Sisters.

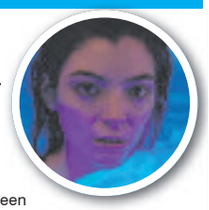
Beverley, from Wolverhampton, said: "I can't wait. My mum and the whole crew will probably be here for the first night. All the ingredients are right. I'll be home for Christmas and it's the UK's biggest pantomime. I couldn't say no."

Beverley saw her first panto at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre. That, as well as amateur dramatics in Wolverhampton and at Highfields School, set her on her showbiz path to R&B/pop stardom and leading lady in the West End. Now she was looking forward to adding another string to her bow.

"I'm very excited. I love coming back to this part of the world, whether it's the Civic Hall or Symphony Hall or the Hippodrome."

Music fans can catch Beverley in her more familiar role when she brings her rescheduled I Love Soulsville tour to Birmingham Symphony Hall on October 8.

Lorde above it's a busy week of gigs



POP star Lorde was an instant success at the age of 16 with her debut album Pure Heroine and her breakthrough hit single Royals in 2013.

Royals topped the singles chart on both sides of the Atlantic and the album hit the no1 spot in more than 20 countries, winning her two Grammy Awards.

The New Zealander, whose actual name is Ella Marija Lani Yelich-O'Connor, provided the lead single, Yellow Flicker Beat, for the soundtrack to The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 in 2014.

She's back with second album Melodrama and hit tracks Green Light and Perfect Places. Her latest song, Homemade Dynamite, features a remix with Post Malone, SZA and, her tour show opener, Khalid. The Kiwi pop sensation, pictured, will be in concert for a full house at Birmingham O2 Academy on Sunday.

The Superskas are at the Newhampton Arts Centre in Wolverhampton tomorrow night (Friday). Nashville psych-rock outfit All Them Witches play Digbeth's O2 Institute 3 on Saturday, when DJ Shadow plays its main room and New Found Glory the O2 Academy.

Sharleen Spiteri brings Texas to Symphony Hall on Sunday, The Kentucky Headhunters bring southern rock to Robin 2 Bilston on Monday. London hip-hop artist Loyle Carner is at the O2 Institute Tuesday. On Wednesday Martin Turner from Wishbone Ash is at the Robin 2, while Ireland's The Strypes rock O2 Academy. Former Moody Blues frontman Justin Hayward is at Birmingham Town Hall next Thursday. Squeeze play Symphony Hall next Friday and Saturday with 9 Below Zero, while trio Arcane Roots top a triple bill at Wolverhampton Slade Rooms next Friday.

Dan and Jess in concert together

Singer-songwriter Dan Whitehouse, from Wolverhampton, is touring with folk/roots balladeer Jess Morgan including a gig in Edgbaston next Friday, October 6. Dan has toured with Eddi Reader and Boo Hewerdine, and opened for Joan As Police Woman. His latest album is That's Where I Belong. They will be perform at the MAC in Cannon Hill Park. See macbirmingham.co.uk. Meanwhile, acclaimed folk duo Megson are at the Red Lion in Kings Heath this Wednesday.

Always look on bright side of Spamalot

There's a lot of Spamalot about over the next few weeks and that will get Monty Python fans looking on the bright side of life. Two productions of the hit musical by former Python (and former Wolverhampton schoolboy) Eric Idle will be vying for audiences in Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

A new touring production of the show 'lovingly ripped-off from Monty Python and the Holy Grail' will be bringing killer rabbits and knights that say 'Ni!' to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to the following Saturday, October 7. Then, at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre October 10 to 14, South Staffs Operatic Company present their version with sometime Fizzog James Collins as put-upon servant Patsy. Sisters Natasha Bennett-Ince and Lexie Bennett will share the role of the Lady of the Lake.

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SATURDAY'S TV SEPTEMBER 30

CHOICE

Richard Curtis

Stop All the Clocks: WH Auden in an Age of Anxiety (BBC2, 9pm)

In 1982, documentary maker Adam Low directed The Auden Landscape, the first filmic portrait of WH Auden to come in the wake of his death in 1973. Now, 35 years later, Low turns his focus back to Auden, to identify how the poet, who began as an emerging star of the literary scene of 1930s Britain, came to create verses that would resonate as well in the 21st century as they did in the 20th. Auden's work enjoyed a surge of popularity following its application to a poignant scene in Four Weddings and a Funeral, and a poem with which he had a particularly troubled relationship became an anthem of grief for the people of New York following the 9/11 terror attacks.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Rugby League: Super League Play-Off Highlights. **2.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** Invictus Games 2017. **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present.

6.45 Strictly Come Dancing. Last week, the pro-celebrity couples were given their first chance to show off their dancing prowess, and received a taste of what to expect from incoming judge Shirley Ballas and veteran adjudicators Craig Revel Horwood, Bruno Tonioli and Darcey Bussell, as they assess their prepared routines. This weekend, though, the competition really gets under way. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the first live show of the series, as the scores awarded to the 15 couples in the previous round are added to those given out following this week's performances. These combined scores will determine which contestants could be facing the boot tomorrow evening. Ultimately, though, the decision will lie with viewers at home, who are given a chance to have their say via a public vote.

8.50 Casualty. Connie tries to take her mind off her health concerns by helping Ethan improve his teaching abilities, and Elle regrets swearing off men when bonds with a young patient's father.

9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys. Rory and Dino have a bust-up, Mark and Betty announce they are leaving for Australia right away and a phone call causes the Brown children to suspect one of them may be adopted. (R)

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Manchester City and Huddersfield Town v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.55 The NFL Show. The major stories shaping the NFL world.

12.25 Film: The Salton Sea. (2002) **2.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 How We Won the War. (R) **6.45** Coast. (R) **7.30 Film:** Herbie Goes Bananas. (1980) **9.00** Saturday Mash-Up!: Saturday Mash-Up! **9.10** Saturday Mash-Up!: Danger Mouse. **9.35** Saturday Mash-Up!: Danger Mouse. **10.00** Saturday Mash-Up!: The Next Step. **10.20** Saturday Mash-Up!: The Next Step. **11.00** Natural World. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends. (R) **1.00** Flog It! **1.30** Mastermind. (R) **2.00** University Challenge. (R) **2.30** Only Connect. (R) **3.00** Rowing: World Championships. **5.30** Gardeners' World. (R)

6.30 The Big Family Cooking Showdown. Hearty helpings and Persian-inspired cuisine are the order of the day, as the Bellamores of South Wales face the Bellamys of Dorset in the penultimate round of heats. (R)

7.30 Front Row. Nikki Bedi s joined in discussion by Ian Hislop, and street artist Bambi tours the new Jean-Michael Basquiat exhibition. Plus, Amercan pop duo Sparks perform live.

8.00 Britain Afloat. New series. Mary-Ann Ochota explores the history of river boats in Britain, beginning with Thames barges, which were used from Victorian times through to the early 20th century.

8.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and Wilson decide to recruit women into the platoon to take care of the less demanding tasks, but the captain loses his heart to an attractive widow. (R)

9.00 Stop All the Clocks: WH Auden in an Age of Anxiety. Adam Low explores the contemporary relevance of the poetry of WH Auden, with help from Alan Bennett, Polly Clark, Alexander McCall Smith, Richard Curtis and more.

10.00 Kate Tempest Presents. Live poetry and performance at the BBC's inaugural Contains Strong Language festival in Hull.

10.30 Later – with Jools Holland. New series. With Liam Gallagher, Benjamin Clementine and Jimmy Webb.

11.35 Film: The Edge of Love. (2008) Fact-based period drama about the unlikely friendship between the wife and lover of poet Dylan Thomas. Starring Keira Knightley.

1.20 Film: Trishna. (2011) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.00** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Midsomer Murders. (R) **2.25** Catchphrase. (R) **3.10** The X Factor. (R) **4.10** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **4.40** Little Big Shots. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Cannonball. Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show.

7.00 The Family Chase. Bradley Walsh hosts as the O'Hares from Liverpool face a general knowledge duel against one of show's professional quizzers.

8.00 The X Factor. The nationwide auditions are now over, having introduced the UK to the likes of Irish busker brothers Sean and Conor Price, and new dad Sam Black, who turned up to the first round of auditions with his partner and baby son in tow. Now, the long-list of would-be pop icons has been assembled, and Dermot O'Leary presents as the Boot Camp stage of this year's contest begins. Judges Simon Cowell, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh set the contestants a series of tests to demonstrate their ability to sing and dance, with the outcome deciding who gets to go through to this year's Six Chair Challenge. First, the competitors must race to the Wall of Songs, where they must choose a tune to perform in a group of four. If their ensembles are successful, the stars-in-training will progress to the next stage of Boot Camp – the Arena Auditions.

9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined in the studio by US actress and singer Demi Lovato.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: American Pie 2. (2001) Comedy sequel, with Jason Biggs.

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Nic Hamilton's Racing Dream. (R) **6.55** Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. **8.25** F1 Meets Nigel Mansell. (R) **8.55** Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Live. **11.45** World's Most Expensive Cars. (R) **12.40** The Simpsons. (R) **1.05** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying. Another chance to see the Malaysian Grand Prix qualifying session. **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.35** Location, Location, Location. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. The Time Team veteran's tour of Britain's ancient trackways continues, as he ventures along Offa's Dyke, the earthwork pathway that roughly runs the length of the border between England and Wales. Following in the footsteps of the likes of William Wordsworth, Tony makes a journey that takes in the site of what some believe could be the final resting place of King Arthur, and brings him face to face with Wales's fearsome dragon. He also ponders the worth of a gold coin issued by King Offa, the Mercian monarch who is thought to have ordered the path's construction in the eighth century.

8.00 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails. Monty Halls tells the story of how 33 SAS soldiers parachuted into Nazi-occupied northern Italy to carry out unpredictable rapid attacks, causing chaos among the fascist ranks.

9.00 Film: Now You See Me. (2013) Four magicians use their lavish stage shows as cover for a series of seemingly impossible heists, and give away the money they steal to their audiences. An FBI agent assembles a team of experts to discover how the baffling robberies are committed and what the secret agenda behind the crime spree is. Crime thriller, starring Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson and Isla Fisher.

11.15 Film: Transcendence. (2014) A scientist is assassinated, but resurrected as an artificial intelligence that makes horrific plans for the human race. Sci-fi drama, with Johnny Depp.

1.20 The Last Leg. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. **4.20** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.45** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **11.40** On Benefits: Depressed, Stressed and Repossessed. (R) **12.40** Nightmare Tenants: Get Out of My House. (R) **1.35** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **2.35** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **3.35** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.35** 5 News Weekend. **4.40** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.35** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

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9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Cardiff City v Derby County, Ipswich Town v Bristol City, and Reading v Norwich City.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Bradford City v Doncaster Rovers, and Exeter City v Morecambe.

10.25 Film: Jumper. (2008) A man with the ability to teleport is hunted by a secret religious society determined to wipe out all of his kind. Fantasy thriller, with Hayden Christensen and Samuel L Jackson.

12.05 SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** Throw Momma from the Train. (1987) **4.40** Access. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 The Incredible Human Journey **8.00** Wild China **9.00** Black Lake **10.25** James May: The Reassembler **11.25** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.30** Sammy Davis Jr: The Kid in the Middle **1.30** Bombay Railway **2.30** Wild China **3.30** Close

ITV2

11.30 The X Factor **12.35** Take Me Out **1.55 Film:** Babe (1995) **2.55** FYI Daily **3.00 Film:** Babe (1995) **3.45 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.50 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **9.00 Film:** The Hangover (2009) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** The Hangover (2009) **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05** Celebrity Juice **1.50** Bromans **2.40** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.40 Hidden Treasure **1.45** Rosemary & Thyme **2.45** Foyle's War **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.05** My Boy Jack **1.05** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

1.30 ITV Racing Live. Coverage of today's race meetings at Newmarket and Haydock Park. **4.00** Pawn Stars **4.25 Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) **5.25** FYI Daily **5.30 Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) **7.00** Hornblower **9.20 Film:** Heartbreak Ridge (1986) **10.20** FYI Daily **10.25 Film:** Heartbreak Ridge (1986) **12.00 Film:** Falling Down (1993) **1.00** FYI Daily **1.05 Film:** Falling Down (1993) **2.15** The Car Chasers **2.40** Football's Greatest: Diego Maradona **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

1.00 Film: Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) **2.55** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Volcano (1997) **10.00 Film:** Dredd (2012) **11.55** The Inbetweeners **1.00** Celebs Go Dating **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.45** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 A Monster in Paris (2011) **1.00** Ramona and Beezus (2010) **3.05** Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) **4.55** Dr Dolittle (1998) **6.35** The Day After Tomorrow (2004) **9.00** Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011) **12.00** Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (2009) **1.45** Come Drink with Me (1966) **3.45** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV OCTOBER 1

CHOICE

Ant Middleton

Escape
(Channel 4, 8pm)
New series. A group of five engineers is stranded in the desert with the wreckage from a simulated plane crash and must use it to build a new vehicle to return to civilisation in. The team consists of an aerobatic pilot, a traditional craftsman, an aerospace engineer and two mechanical engineers. They must complete their task without access to a workshop and using improvised tools – while food and water are in short supply. Survival expert and former special forces soldier Ant Middleton is on hand to oversee the project.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Points of View. **3.15** Songs of Praise. **3.50** How to Stay Young. (R) **4.50** Invictus Games 2017. **5.50** BBC News.

6.05 Regional Programme.

6.15 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison presents the show from the Yorkshire border of the Peak District, following in the footsteps of the Clarion Ramblers, England's first working men's walking society. She also meets surviving members of the ramblers, and a poet and songwriter who has been inspired by the group's guidebooks. Plus, Tom Heap reports on the future of Sheffield's trees.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Pro-celebrity contest in which sets of partners battle it out to convince judges and viewers they can trip the light fantastic.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Minehead Railway Station. Among the objects brought in to be valued are a bracelet with a connection to the Russian royal family, photographs of the Beatles taken during the filming of A Hard Day's Night, and a bronze sculpture by Rodin, which proves a surprise to both the owner and the experts.

9.00 The Last Post. New series. Drama about military police and their families faced with political and personal conflicts in a 1960s British colony on the Red Sea coast. An officer and his wife arrive in Aden, where he is to replace a much-loved captain. Starring Jessie Buckley and Jeremy Neumark Jones.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Newcastle United v Liverpool, Everton v Burnley and Arsenal v Brighton & Hove Albion.

11.35 The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game.

12.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.30** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites – Sunday Edition. **11.00** Athletics: Great Scottish Run. **1.45** NFL Live: New Orleans Saints v Miami Dolphins. Coverage of the match (Kick-off 2.30pm).

6.00 Rugby League Super League Playoff Highlights. Tanya Arnold presents highlights of the crucial clash, as the sides that finished in fourth and fifth in the Super 8s Qualifiers battled for a place in next season's Super League.

7.00 Russia with Simon Reeve. The adventurer embarks on a journey across the world's biggest country, taking him from the snow-capped volcanoes of the far east, through some of the remotest parts of the planet, to the great cities of the west, Moscow and St Petersburg. (R)

8.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? The finalists go to the shuttle landing facility on Florida's Space Coast, where they experience weightlessness for the first time, have their motor skills put to the test at 30,000 feet and are confronted with the dangers of space travel. They also undergo further training at a NASA underwater facility before Chris Hadfield reveals who the panel have chosen as the winner. Last in the series.

9.00 Dragons' Den. Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Tej Lalvani and Jenny Campbell assess the profit-making potential of three more business ideas – a range of boxing technology, a coffee business that may be on shaky ground financially, and a female fashion advisor offering a new look to male clients. Evan Davis presents.

10.00 Dawn French Live: 30 Million Minutes. A recording of the comedienne's critically acclaimed one-woman show, which takes her audience on a journey through her life's experiences. Previously seen on BBC Four.

11.55 Film: Isn't She Great. (2000) Biopic of novelist Jacqueline Susann, author of the best-selling novel, Valley of the Dolls. Starring Bette Midler.

1.25 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.10 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which Alan Johnson, Katherine Ryan and Jimmy Bullard answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.

7.30 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents the Boot Camp stage of this year's contest. Judges Simon Cowell, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh set the contestants a series of tests to demonstrate their ability to sing and dance, with the outcome deciding who gets to go through to this year's Six Chair Challenge.

9.00 Victoria. The queen is horrified by news of famine sweeping Ireland, and tries to persuade the government to take action. However, Peel is reluctant to get involved, fearing that sending aid will destabilise his own party. The crisis soon strikes at the heart of the royal household, while a determined Reverend turns up on Victoria's doorstep, demanding help for his parish.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Peston on Sunday. (R)

11.20 Liar. Laura Nielson and Andrew Earlham find themselves entangled in a web of deceit and confusion after they enjoy a date together. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The King of Queens. (R) **6.30** Motor Sport: British GT. **7.00** Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Live Build-Up. **7.35** Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Live. **10.00** Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Live Reaction. **10.45** Sunday Brunch. **1.30** Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Re-run. **4.15** The Crystal Maze. (R) **5.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Escape to the Chateau. Dick gets to work on the walled garden in the spring and buys a mini tractor for the job – but it may not fit through the gate. Angel designs another suite, with black walls and mosaic mirrors, and decorates the entire dining room with blossoms so a guest can make a special wedding proposal. The couple also consider the possibility of truffle farming.

8.00 Escape. New series. A group of five engineers is stranded in the desert with the wreckage from a simulated plane crash and must use it to build a vehicle to escape in. With Ant Middleton.

9.00 Electric Dreams: The Commuter. A railway station employee is desperately unhappy both in his thankless job and his unhappy home life. His son's psychotic disorder has become an unbearable burden, and is driving him and his wife apart. Everything changes when a passenger requests a ticket to a town that does not exist. He becomes tempted to follow her route in the hope that this mysterious destination may be the only place where he can escape the frustrations of his life once and for all. Starring Timothy Spall and Tuppence Middleton.

10.05 Boris Johnson: Blond Ambition. Documentary following the first 14 months of the Conservative MP's time as foreign secretary, and examining what his political ambitions may hold for the future.

11.00 Film: The Three Musketeers. (2011) A hot-headed swordsman and a trio of royal guards fight to foil a plan to overthrow the king of France. Swashbuckling adventure, with Logan Lerman and Milla Jovovich.

1.10 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails. (R) **2.05** Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. (R) **3.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.00** Gillette World Sport. **4.25** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **4.55** Too Many Cooks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wissper. (R) **7.00** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.55** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.20** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.35** Floogals. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.20** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **12.30 Film:** Bewitched. (2005) **2.30 Film:** Leap Year. (2010) **4.20 Film:** Serendipity. (2001) Romantic drama, starring Kate Beckinsale and John Cusack. **5.20** 5 News Update. **5.25 Film:** Serendipity. (2001)

6.05 Film: Jack the Giant Slayer. (2013) Premiere. A farm boy joins a band of knights on a mission to rescue a princess from a kingdom of giants in the sky. Fantasy adventure, starring Nicholas Hoult and Ewan McGregor.

7.05 5 News Update.

7.10 Film: Jack the Giant Slayer. (2013) Premiere. Concluded.

8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the fifth round of matches, including Leicester Tigers v Exeter Chiefs, Northampton Saints v Harlequins, and Wasps v Bath.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: The Expendables 3. (2014) Soldier of fortune Barney Ross recruits a new team to battle an arms dealer with a score to settle. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Mel Gibson.

10.00 5 News Update.

10.05 Film: The Expendables 3. (2014) Concluded.

11.25 Film: Under Siege. (1992) A veteran US Navy Seal working on a battleship as a cook leaps into action to liberate the vessel from terrorists. Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones.

1.20 SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** Against All Flags. (1952) **4.35** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Robins of Eden **7.10** Betjeman and Me **8.00** Cornwall's Native Poet: Charles Causley **9.00** Men Who Sleep In Cars **10.00** Child in Mind **11.00** Rhymes, Rock and Revolution – The Story of Performance Poetry **12.00** Acoustic at the BBC **1.00** Bombay Railway **2.00** Treasures of Ancient Greece **3.00** Darcey's Ballerina Heroines **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.05 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style **11.15** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.45** The X Factor **1.15** You've Been Framed! Family Special **1.55 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **2.55** FYI Daily **3.00 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **3.45 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **5.55 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **9.00** Chris & Kem: Straight Outta Love Island **10.05** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **1.00** The Cleveland Show **1.30** Chris & Kem: Straight Outta Love Island **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

1.05 Film: The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10 Film:** The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) **2.55 Film:** Columbo: Dagger of the Mind (1972) **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** If I Had You **12.00** Heartbeat **1.05** The Knock **3.00** Mr Selfridge **3.50** Lewis **5.30** Judge Judy

ITV4

6.35 Goodwood Revival **7.35** Fishing Allstars **8.00** The Chase Celebrity Special **9.05 Film:** Memphis Belle (1990) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Memphis Belle (1990) **11.10** Car Crash Global **12.10 Film:** Life on the Limit (2013) **1.15** FYI Daily **1.20 Film:** Life on the Limit (2013) **2.30** The Car Chasers **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Don't Tell the Bride **12.00** My Hotter Half **1.00** The Goldbergs **3.00 Film:** Never Been Kissed (1999) **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) **11.25** Gogglebox **1.35** Celebs Go Dating **2.35** Celebs Go Dating: The Finale **3.30** Hollyoaks

Film4

1.00 The Boxtrolls (2014) **2.50** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **4.45** Von Ryan's Express (1965) **7.05** Crocodile Dundee (1986) **9.00** Identity Thief (2013) **11.10** Your Highness (2011) **1.15** Carlos – Part One **3.25** Close

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Total Recall, Channel 5, 11.05pm
A man living in a bleak future years after a nuclear war has fake memories of being a secret agent implanted into his brain. However, the procedure uncovers the fact that he really is a spy with his memory erased, and he is forced to become a fugitive from the totalitarian government. Sci-fi thriller remake, with Colin Farrell and Kate Beckinsale. (2012)

TUESDAY
Heart of Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm
The lucky recipient of a recent heart transplant sets out to find the identity of her donor and discovers that it was her estranged cousin, who may have been the victim of murder. Thriller, starring Makenzie Vega, Johannah Newmarch and Ben Sullivan. (2016)

WEDNESDAY
Fatal Memories, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Successful lawyer Sutton is confronted by a horrific scene when she returns to her family home to find her mother has been brutally stabbed to death, and her troubled younger sister April standing over the body with a bloodied knife. Despite the overwhelming evidence against her sibling, Sutton is convinced April is innocent, and sets out prove it. Mystery thriller, starring Italia Ricci. (2015)

American Hustle, Friday, Channel 4, 12.10am

THURSDAY
The Cheating Pact, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Three high school students convince a shy but intelligent girl to take the college entrance test for them. After she gets a low score on one of the tests, she dies in mysterious circumstances, leaving the trio as suspects in her demise. Daniela Bobadilla, Laura Ashley Samuels and Laura Wiggins star. (2013)

FRIDAY
American Hustle, Channel 4, 12.10am
A conman is caught in the act by the FBI, but a maverick agent offers him the chance to escape prison by assisting in a sting operation. The hustler finds himself involved in a scheme to bring down the corrupt, Mafia-affiliated politician, only to find his own ex-wife plotting revenge. Crime drama set in the 1970s, starring Christian Bale. (2013)

Mary gets the inside story in her search for answers

She's a Barbie girl in a Barbie world – at least temporarily.

Mary Portas seems like the least likely person to be drawn to the artificial environment of an anatomically impossible doll, and yet here she is, fully immersing herself in it.

Portas is known for her no-nonsense attitude to, well, pretty much everything that comes her way.

She is credited with raising the profile of Harvey Nichols, joining its board by the time she was 30; she went on to launch her own consultancy business, Yellowdoor, before beginning her TV career.

While employed by the BBC she hosted three series of Mary, Queen of Shops, in which she helped failing businesses turn their fortunes around – or at least she did if their owners would heed her advice.

In 2011 she moved to Channel 4, where she's been ever since, making programmes such as Mary, Queen of Frocks, Mary Portas: Secret Shopper, Mary's Bottom Line and Mary, Queen of the High Street.

What do all these shows have in common? Well, the most obvious thing is that they contain her first name – only a select group of people are instantly recognisable by one moniker only, such as Madonna, and it seems that she's another of them.

You could argue that Barbie is the same. Her full name is actually Barbara Millicent Roberts, and she supposedly hails from the fictional town of Willows, Wisconsin.

But perhaps she should be called Handler, after the woman who created her, Ruth Handler; Barbie was the shortened version of her daughter Barbara's name.

Handler first came up with the idea of an adult-bodied doll after watching her offspring play with paper dolls and thought there might be a gap in the market for something more hard-wearing. Her husband Elliot was a co-founder of the Mattel toy company, but wasn't keen on the idea.

However, during a trip to Europe in 1956, Handler spotted a German toy doll called Bild Lilli, who was based on a newspaper comic strip that followed the adventures of a modern working girl who knew what she wanted – and how to get it.

Handler bought three of them, gave one to her daughter and took the others back to the US. After a redesign, Barbie was launched on March 9, 1959, at the American International Toy Fair; it's estimated that more than a billion have been sold in the 58 years since then.

Nevertheless, in recent years, Barbie has been criticised for her physique, blaming her for causing low body image and a lack of aspiration in young girls. Sales have dipped too, and it's her investigations into these subjects that provide the most intriguing part of the programme.

Portas also meets adult collectors at the National Barbie Collectors' Convention, asks her son Horatio whether boys and girls should have separate toys and, perhaps most pertinently, wonders whether there is still a place for Barbie in the 21st century.

Barbie: The Most Famous Doll in the World, Tuesday, Channel 4, 9.15pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Human Body: Secrets of Your Life Revealed
BBC2, 9pm
Chris and Xand van Tulleken explore the processes keeping human beings alive, seeing how powerful reflexes of fear and disgust keep people safe from danger and revealing the mechanisms bodies call on to repair damage. Xand visits one of the most advanced laboratories in the world to test his body's ability to maintain its inner balance, while Chris learns how scientists in Stockholm are trying to help people with phobias by investigating the neural mechanisms involved in fear and ways to control it.

TUESDAY
Reformation: Europe's Holy War
BBC2, 9pm
Historian David Starkey reveals how the Protestant Reformation unleashed fundamentalist beliefs, terror and holy war across Europe in a way that is all too familiar to many people today. Timed to coincide with the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the doors of All Saint's Church in Wittenberg, the presenter charts the spread of Luther's ideas across Europe and into Britain. He explains how and why Luther's simple act of defiance would gain such momentum, and explores the consequences of his actions – both on the Christian faith, and on society at large.

WEDNESDAY
The Apprentice
BBC1, 9pm
Alan Sugar is back to look for a new business partner, which means we have another new batch of would-be entrepreneurs ready to compete for his £250,000 investment. In this opening episode, the 18 candidates have their first chance to show Sugar that they really do have the skills to back up their boasting as they face their first challenge – designing and manufacturing burgers to sell to hungry Londoners. On team gets off to a bad start when they struggle to make their burger mix, while the other wastes time over-analysing the labelling. And as always, there are personality clashes which threaten to derail the selling process. But which of the burger makers will be in for a grilling in the boardroom?

Doc Martin
ITV, 9pm
The curmudgeonly GP is perturbed when he discovers Louisa, who is already spending much of her time away from home, has applied to take up a child and adolescent counselling course. However, achieving a work-life balance is far from the greatest of concerns for some of the Ellinghams' neighbours, not least of whom is Al, whose plans to demonstrate his business acumen are placed in jeopardy when Ken decides to close the pub. Unless Ruth agrees to serve as a guarantor, Ken will not allow Morwenna and Al to take over the establishment, so the pair arrange a race-walking event to raise funds and prove the community is on their side.

The Apprentice, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY
World Cup Qualifer Live
ITV, 7.30pm
England v Slovenia (Kick-off 7.45pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the Group F encounter at Wembley Stadium. Gareth Southgate's men will hope to improve on the goalless stalemate in last October's reverse fixture, in the knowledge that a victory tonight will guarantee them top spot in the group with one match remaining, and thus ensure they qualify for the finals in Russia next summer.

FRIDAY
The Gadget Show
Channel 5, 7pm
New series. Jon Bentley offers his thoughts on the latest incarnation of the iPhone, while Erica Jordan Webber and Harry Wallop reveal the best iPhone deals on the market. Jon, Ortis Deley and Georgie Barrat help self-styled tech magician Tom London improve the look of his YouTube clips, but not before Tom dazzles with his latest, Amazon Echo-based trick. Plus, in Malta, Ortis tests out an underwater plaything for the super-rich – the UBoatWorx C-Explorer 3, assessing whether the vehicle lives up to its claim to be the most versatile and luxurious on the market.

Have I Got News for You
BBC1, 9pm
New series. Alexander Armstrong guest-hosts the satirical quiz, with team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton.

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Codeword

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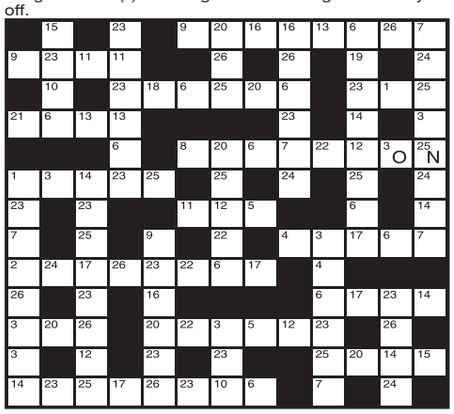

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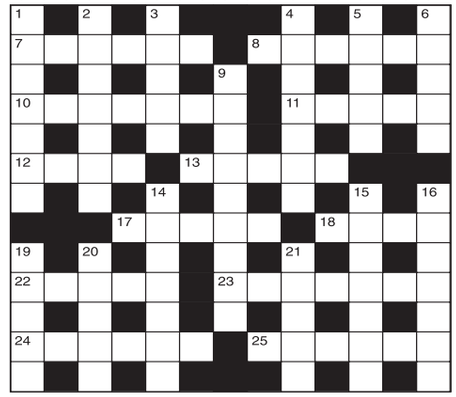
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 F	2 G	3 B	4 J	5 D	6 T	7 V	8 A	9 M	10 E	11 H	12 W	13 U
14 I	15 K	16 X	17 Z	18 P	19 N	20 L	21 Y	22 C	23 Q	24 R	25 S	26 O

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Successfully treated the French in capital (6)
8. Opening part of the gun, we hear (6)
10. A connection for fire-water (7)
11. Means of verifying a sudden repulse (5)
12. & 14Dn. Roguish clerics? (4,7)
13. Nervous time in the grammar lesson (5)
17. & 5Dn. Course builder (10)
18. Small valley to be found in Eden (4)
22. Come up for an increment (5)
23. A poster showing basketwork material (7)
24. I will be included in the schemes for those who take flight (6)
25. Rough medley races round the ring (6)

Down

1. See 6 Down
2. Possessed a landing-place for fish (7)
3. Plane crash in the Himalayas (5)
4. Method of manufacturing company put back in the papers (7)
5. See 17 Across
6. & 1Dn. To perturb the principal, indicate refusal (5,3,4)
9. & 15Dn. They take the litter away (9-7)
14. See 12 Across
15. See 9 Down
16. Take out insurance again, but get better! (7)
19. Western reptiles are stingers (5)
20. House I will put in Virginia (5)
21. Rings up for cotton reel (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Unconcern (6)
8. Enrage (6)
10. Whet (7)
11. Courage (5)
12. Wicked (4)
13. Avarice (5)
17. Traverse (5)
18. Lake (4)
22. Implied (5)
23. Pariah (7)
24. Condition (6)
25. Critic (6)

Down

1. Bulky (7)
2. Handcuff (7)
3. Form (5)
4. Dawdle (7)
5. Love (5)
6. Beneath (5)
9. Encroachment (9)
14. Easily broken (7)
15. Since (7)
16. Clothing (7)
19. Stick (5)
20. Shrewd (5)
21. Precipitous (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Heart; 4 Giraffe; 8 Unequal; 9 Evict; 10 Elan; 11 Fresh air; 13 Play; 14 Base; 16 Alliance; 17 Icon; 20 Extra; 21 Article; 22 Spectre; 23 Plant.
Down: 1 Housebreakers; 2 Arena; 3 Thus; 4 Galore; 5 Rheostat; 6 Frigate; 7 Entertainment; 12 Cataract; 13 Palette; 15 Scrape; 18 Cocoa; 19 Stop.
QUICK - Across: 1 Split; 4 Pretext; 8 Revenue; 9 Think; 10 Eddy; 11 Negation; 13 Ring; 14 Scan; 16 Together; 17 Idea; 20 Opera; 21 Archaic; 22 Suspect; 23 Dunes.
Down: 1 Surreptitious; 2 Livid; 3 Tang; 4 Peeved; 5 Entrance; 6 Edition; 7 Take no chances; 12 Initiate; 13 Regress; 15 Depart; 18 Drain; 19 Acid.

Quiz

1. Which gender of gnat draws blood?
2. Of which group of islands is Mount Apo the highest peak?
3. Which Archers part has been played by Trevor Harrison?
4. What was known until July 1940 as the Local Defence Volunteers?
5. Which notorious sportsman's double murder trial was presided over by Judge Lance Ito?
6. What do the initials ECG stand for?
7. What is the capital of Tibet?
8. Calamine is a form of which metal?
9. In which country is the river port Fray Bentos?
10. What is measured in ohms?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Isle of Man; 2 Jean Boht; 3 Freemasons; 4 Triumph; 5 A tranquilliser; 6 William Hogarth; 7 Mao Zedong; 8 Mediterranean; 9 Louis Pasteur; 10 Australian.

Niner: BARONETCY

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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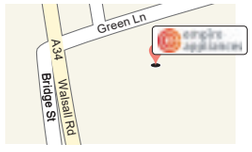

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Talking about a food Revolution

IT had been an absolute nightmare of a week. There was only one way to end it. Cocktails. Two for one. Bulk ordering.

And while this was an appealing choice for this particular Friday night, the last day of what had been an arduous and tumultuous time, it was not wise to embark on such cocktail capers on an empty stomach. Food had to be eaten too.

The chosen venue to help us forget our troubles and strife was Revolution, a hip and trendy newish bar on the Riverside complex in Stafford.

It's a welcome drinking hole which offers quirky cocktails along with food and loads of money-saving deals too. What's not to love about Happy Hour, Two-for-one cocktails and a third off your food bill? Absolutely nothing!

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Stepping inside it was early doors so not too busy and there was already a weekend buzz filling the air. We chose a seat by the window, away from other people, with plump comfy chairs that, after a few drinks could potentially prove lethal – sleep beckoned.

It's got eclectic decor: jungley plants, industrial-style stools, high wooden tables, bright furnishing, booths tucked away and lots of pictures such as maps, bottles, famous faces – the one hanging near us was of Chairman Mao (the clue is in the name of the bar!). Throw all this stuff in one room and it sounds like a heady mix of interior design madness but in the bar it works perfectly and somehow feels really homely and chilled out.

One of the best bits about our night out was that every single member of staff who served us was friendly. Bubbly, polite, cheerful, helpful and efficient, the waitresses made the whole evening all the more pleasant so lots of credit to them. First off we ordered the essential component of the evening: cocktails, mojitos of course, and went for a couple each to get the party started. At £7 plus each, the two-for-one deal is an absolute steal!

Comfort food – it's the fish finger sandwich

Home time – comfy seats, tables and chairs

The menu is nice too with starters and sharers, pizza and burger options, light bites, main meals and sides.

Some of the stand-out dishes include a Panang chicken curry, halloumi and chips, the Mother Clucker burger and the Fifty Fifty pizza (any two half pizzas in one – perfect if making decisions isn't your thing).

We went for nachos to share as a starter to soak up our potent cocktails then mulled over our mains.

We both went traditional with my other half going for steak and chips with garlic butter for £12.95 and I opted for a fish finger sandwich, breaded cod goujons on white bloomer bread with tartare sauce, ketchup and fries. Proper comfort food.

The steak and chips was a good size with a chunky piece of meat cooked well-done as requested.

Mine was exactly what I needed. The fish goujons were chunky, flaky pieces of cod coated in crisp, thick and wholesome breadcrumbs sandwiched between two not-quite-doorsteps of white fluffy bread.

Both dishes were demolished quickly and we ordered more cocktails and a beer to round off a gorgeous meal. Feeling thoroughly relaxed we requested the bill and played what-do-you-think-it-will-come-to?

I went for £50, he went for more but the bill was just under £48. Wow! That was for a starter, two mains, six cocktails and a pint. We paid up and drifted into the night with smiles on our faces.

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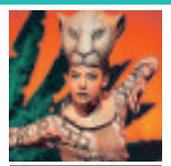

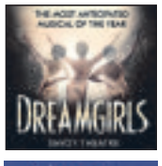

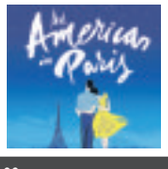

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Modern detached property has three reception rooms

A modern detached house in Andrew Close, Hednesford, Cannock, comes with four bedrooms and three reception rooms.

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With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises four bedrooms, three reception rooms, a modern family bathroom, an en-suite to the master, a kitchen and a downstairs WC.

It also has a utility room, a rear garden, off-road parking and a rear garden.

The selling agents are describing this property as a "must view", and are therefore urging interested would-be buyers to book a viewing fast, via the telephone number shown above.

In a modern attractive design, this spacious property is well presented and decorated throughout and ideal for a growing family.

In more detail the kitchen is a good size. It has very attractive light oak-effect units in a contemporary style, complemented by modern chrome handles. It is finished with black splash-back tiling and black and white coloured flooring. There is a more than ample amount of storage units, both base and wall height and there is a stainless steel extractor canopy above the built-in overn and hob.

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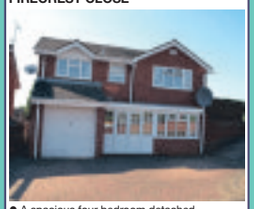
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- Land to rear, stables
- Awaiting EPC rating

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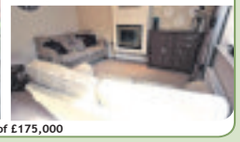

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- DRIVEWAY
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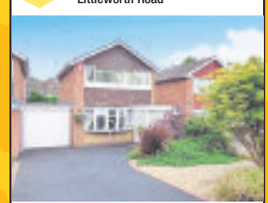

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NO CHAIN

EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area
Convenient For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- cloakroom and utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Integral garage
- Garden
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (63)

£260,000 FREEHOLD

BELLA VISTA, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD

RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Occupying Flexible 3/4 Bedroomed Accommodation Occupying Private Gardens In An Elevated Position With Views to Cannock Chase Located On The Edge On This Popular Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen/dining/family/garden room
- Bedroom 4/study
- Three first floor bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- Private gardens
- Detached garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (86)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

208 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of Cannock
Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Reception hall
- Cloaks/shower room
- Lounge
- Open plan refitted dining/family/kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Built on garage and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fuilly double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

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- **Rural Location**
- **Convenient for access to Cannock, Stafford and Motorway Networks**

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21 HILL STREET, HEDNESFORD

NEW PRICE

EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH SECURE SIDE GATED DDRIVE/ PARKING AREA
Located In Popular Residential Area
Convenient for Facilities at Hednesford Centre

- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Garage and secure side gated drive
- Intruder alarm
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (67)

£195,000 FREEHOLD

52 MILL CRESCENT, HEATH HAYES

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

END MEWS HOUSE OFFERING TWO BEDROOMS
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Access to Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

£134,950 FREEHOLD

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CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED INDIVIDUAL DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Located In Much Sought After Shoal Hill Residential Area of the Town in Secluded Private Drive

- Vestibule and reception hall
- Lounge, study and snug
- Fitted kitchen with breakfast area
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Well stocked gardens
- Two garages
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (59)

£495,000 FREEHOLD

5 WAVENEY GROVE, CANNOCK.

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Vestibule
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Rear porch, cloakroom with WC
- Five bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and refitted bathroom
- Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£385,000 FREEHOLD

THE COTTAGE, BROADHURST GREEN ROAD, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 OF AN ACRE

- Open plan lounge/kitchen area
- Bathroom
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Outside utility room
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Extensive range of outbuildings
- Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- EPC rating E (47)

£325,000 FREEHOLD

14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (81)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

12 ULLSWATER PLACE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In popular Cul-De-Sac convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Reception hall
- L shaped lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (63)

£229,950 FREEHOLD

9 STATION ROAD, PELSALL

A PRESTIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities at Pelsall Village Centre

- Two reception rooms
- Luxury fitted kitchen
- Cloakroom and first floor study
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom and 2 ensuites
- Garage and landscaped gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

£310,000

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40A OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL EQUIPPED SELF CONTAINED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In Much Sought After Residential Area With Views Of Cannock Park To Rear

- Entrance hall
- Landing
- Open plan Lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- One car parking space
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (76)

£475pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Garden to front
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (71)

£450pcm

INGLESIDE, TOP ROAD, ACTON TRUSSELL

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION COMPRISING OF THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH ADDITIONAL ONE BEDROOMED ANNEX Located In The Much Sought After Village of Acton Trussell

- Lounge
- Dining room & garden room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom & guests cloakroom
- Double garage
- Mature well stocked gardens
- Annex with lounge, kitchen & bedroom
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (41)

£1350pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£795pcm

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£1350pcm

40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

11 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Se cure entry system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (52)

£625pcm

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

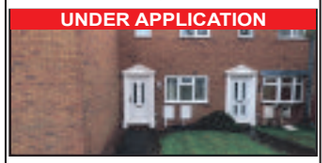
SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (63)

£475pcm

23 HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES

UNDER APPLICATION



WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, sokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (77)

£525pcm

4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSIONLocated On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Enclosed foregarden
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: B (82)

£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)

FIRST FLOOR FLAT, 34 MARKET STREET, HEDNESFORD

UNDER APPLICATION

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Located In Hednesford Town Centre Convenient For Local Facilities And Public Transport

- Hall
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Part double glazed
- Parking to rear
- Sorry no smokers or pets allowed
- DSS considered
- EPC rating: F (21)

£350pcm

4 HATHERTON HOUSE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENTLocated In Sought After Area Convenient For Facilities At The Village Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (77)

£550pcm

5 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- Allocated parking space & communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (80)

£575pcm

35 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Offering Well Equipped Accommodation Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Sitting room & living room
- Double glazed conservatory
- L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- Utility room/cloaks room
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Extensive parking and garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (57)

£1400pcm

23 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Entrance lobby
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating C (78)

£525 pcm

16 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- All windows double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£650pcm

9 WHITFIELD ROAD, HEDNESFORD

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (46)

£650pcm

324 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL APOOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Integral garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£650pcm

FLAT 7 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Sought After Development Convenient For Penkridge Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

5 BROOME WALK, HANDSACRE

UNDER APPLICATION

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance Lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Garden
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£495pcm

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KELLY AVENUE
BRERETON

A three bedroomed mid-terraced property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Downstairs WC, Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front with driveway. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating C

£115,000

HAGLEY ROAD
RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this two bedroomed traditional property within walking distance to the town centre. UPVC double-glazed and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge and Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating D

£115,000

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RUGELEY ROAD
ARMITAGE

This well presented park home must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation on offer. UPVC double-glazing and LPG central heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility Room, Two Bedrooms on having an En-Suite Shower Room plus Further Bathroom. Driveway to side. Visitors Parking

£120,000

HISLOP ROAD
RUGELEY

A modern detached bungalow benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas Central Heating. Entrance hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Low maintenance garden to rear. Gated driveway to rear. EPC Rating C

£135,000

FAR LADY CROFT
ARMITAGE

A well presented modern family home in the sought after village of Armitage. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining/Kitchen and Guest Cloakroom. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Allocated parking to front and enclosed garden to rear. EPC RATING - B

£165,000

LEAHALL LANE
BRERETON

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached property in a popular and sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Through Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Conservatory, Kitchen and Utility. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive with off road parking to front. Detached Single Garage. Garden to Rear. EPC

£165,000

PRIORY AVENUE
HAWKSYARD

A modern three bedroomed property on a sought after development. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room, Two Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway and Garden to rear. EPC rating - C

£175,000

BRERETON ROAD
RUGELEY

A modern three bedroomed detached property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double-Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Guest Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Allocated Parking for Two Vehicles. EPC RATING - C

£175,000

BILBERRY CLOSE
ETCHINGHILL

A good sized family home offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and located in a popular location close to the local schools. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. First Floor Landing with three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off-road parking to front with an enclosed garden to rear. EPC Rating D

£179,950

WILLISCROFT PLACE
COLTON

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this two bedroomed mid-terraced cottage. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated and situated in the popular village of Colton. Lounge, Cellar, Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms. garden to front and enclosed garden to rear with Utility Store. EPC Rating D

£180,000

ESSEX DRIVE
RUGELEY

A well presented semi-detached bungalow located in popular location. UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Four Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway to side. EPC Rating D

£185,000

DELAFIELD WAY
ETCHINGHILL

A good size three bedroomed link detached family home in a popular and sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Carport and Driveway with Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - D

£185,000

HILLSIDE DRIVE
HEDNESFORD

A five bedroomed semi detached property. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Inner Hall, Lounge, Conservatory, Beakfast Kitchen, Family Room and Bedroom with Ensuite. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Study/Dressing Room, Three Additional Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Large Driveway offering ample off road parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - D

£195,000

PEAKES ROAD
ETCHINGHILL

A two bedroomed link-detached bungalow in a sought after area. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN the property has UPVC double-glazing, cavity wall insulation and gas central heating. Side Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hall, Dining Room, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms and a Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating TPC

£205,000

WAVERLEY GARDENS
ETCHINGHILL

An extended family home located in a popular location close to local schools. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility Room, Snug, Downstairs Bathroom and Downstairs Bedroom. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage Storage Area. EPC rating TBC

£229,950

WINDSOR CLOSE
RUGELEY

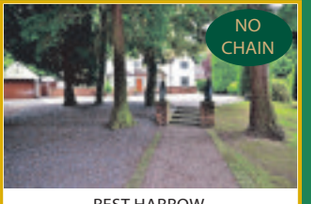
Viewing of this well presented family home is essential to appreciate. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms (originally built as a Four) having Dressing Room and Ensuite to Master Bedroom and Family Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. EPC rating D

£249,950

UPPER WAY
UPPER LONGDON

Spacious split-level accommodation in delightful sought after village location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Spacious accommodation having the added advantage of a self-contained annexe above the DOUBLE GARAGE area. Ample off-road parking. Tiered gardens to front and rear. Covered swimming pool to rear. EPC Rating B

£775,000



REST HARROW
ETCHINGHILL

Viewing of this extended 1920's detached is a must to appreciate the location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. The property has been refurbished and extended over the years to provide a spacious family home. The gardens have been landscaped and the plot totals just under one acre. Extensive parking and a DETACHED GARAGE BLOCK. EPC Rating E

£960,000

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Hollow Lane, Rugeley
- Detached Bugalow
- Six Bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- Four en-suites
- Double garage
- Extensive gardens to the rear
- Village Location
- No Chain

£650,000

Old Penkridge Road, Cannock
- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms & Study
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Living Room & Family Room
- No Upward Chain
- Utility / WC
- Very Desirable Road

£455,000

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- A 2 Bed Detached Bungalow
- A 3 Bed Detached with Garage (SOLD)
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- A 3 Bed Terrace Home
- A 3 Bed End Terrace Homes
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Bideford Way, Cannock
- Detached house
- Five Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Open plan living
- Large driveway
- Large L-shaped garden

£290,000

Hatton Road, Cannock
- Detached Family Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location

£249,950

Bowers Court, Bowers Lane, Rugeley
- NEWBUILDS
- Four x Semi Detached Family Homes
- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Dining Kitchen
- Two or Three Storey Available
- High Specification

Prices From £215,000

Hednesford Road, Norton Canes
- Detached Three Bedroom House
- Views To The Front Over Field
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Gas Central Heating System

£179,950

Wallace Close, Norton Canes
- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- FITTED KITCHEN

£170,000

Burgoyne Street Site, Hendesford
- An Exciting New Build Development
- All 3 Bedroom Homes
- Construction in Progress
- Both 2 & 3 Storey
- Terraced & Semi- Detached Homes
- Last Few Plots Remaining

from £146,950

Melbourne Road, Heath Hayes
- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedroom
- No Chain
- Located To Local Amenities
- Ideal First Time Buy Or Investment Purchase
- Sapcious Lounge

£120,950

Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

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Similar Properties Required

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Pebblemill Close, Cannock

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Similar Properties Required

Tower View Road, Great Wyrley
- FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS LONG LEASE
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE / DINER
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- IDEAL BUY TO LET RENTAL (RENT £475)
- LONG LEASE

£75,000

Woodford End, Chadsmoor
- Modern Style Apartment
- 1 Bedroom
- Buy To Let Investment
- Ground Floor
- Communal Parking
- EPC - C

£59,950

Foxtail Way, Wimblebury

SOLD STC
Similar Properties Required

Wolverhampton Road, Cannock

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Similar Properties Required

PUBLIC NOTICE
Marwood Homes are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £129,950 for 4 Lowland Road, Cannock. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact us before exchange of contracts.

£129,950

Quarry Close, Cheslyn Hay
- Semi detached house
- Lounge & Dining room
- Kitchen with cooker
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Available now

£695pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Bank House, Mill Street
- First floor duplex apartment
- Recently refurbished
- Two bedeooms
- Shower room
- Parking
- Available now

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Baker Street, Burntwood
- Detached bungalow
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Driveway
- Available soon

£675pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Boney Hay Road, Burntwood
- Detached family home
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Large rear garden

£795pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets

Pheasant Way, Cannock
- Modern town house
- Entrance hall
- Lounge/diner
- Guest cloak room
- Garage and off road parking
- Four bedrooms

£900pcm sorry no DSS and no pets

Boney Hay Road, Burntwood
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Garden

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Earlswood Way, Cannock

Offers Around £25,000

Third Floor Flat	Sought After Area
Two Bedrooms	25% Shared Ownership
Lounge with Balcony	EPC C

Herondale, Hednesford

Offers Around £70,000

Ground Floor Flat	Lounge
One Bedroom	Allocated Parking
Kitchen	EPC C

Flat 6 Wolverhampton road

Offers Over £70,000

Second Floor Apartment	Refurbished
Two Double Bedrooms	Parking
Lounge / Diner	EPC E

St Johns Road, Cannock

Offers Around £75,000

First Floor Flat	Allocated Parking
One Bedroom	Long Lease
Exceptionally Presented	EPC C

Brindley Heath Road, Hednesford

REDUCED

Offers Over £90,000

Well Presented Maisonette	Off Road Parking
Two Bedrooms	Sold With Tenant in Situ
Bathroom	EPC C

Leasowe Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £125,000

Terraced Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Front & Rear Gardens
Lounge	EPC D

Partridge Close, Cannock

Offers Around £130,000

Terraced Property	Quiet Cul De Sac
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Lounge	EPC C

Mountside Street, Hednesford

Offers Around £130,000

Semi Detached Property	Utility
Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Large Kitchen / Diner	EPC E

Greenheath Road, Hednesford

NEW

Terraced Property
Two Bedrooms
Converted Loft
Converted Cellar
Off Road Parking
EPC E

Offers Around £140,000

York Road, Cannock

Offers Around £150,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC D

Berwyn Grove, Cheslyn Hay

NEW

Offers Around £154,950

Semi Detached Property	Good Location
Two Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
In Need of Modernisation	Awaiting EPC

Rectory Gardens, Rugeley

REDUCED

Offers Around £155,000

Terraced Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	EPC E

Curlew Hil, Cannock

Offers Around £155,000

Semi Detached Property	Tandem Garage
Three Bedrooms	Front & Rear Gardens
Fully Renovated	EPC E

Tuppenhurst Lane, Rugeley

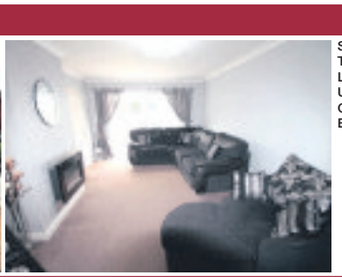
NEW

Terraced House
Three Bedrooms
Newly Refurbished
Kitchen / Diner
Driveway
EPC D

Offers Around £160,000

Norton East Road, Cannock

REDUCED



Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Utility
Garage
EPC D

Offers Around £160,000

Forge Close, Churchbridge

Offers Around £165,000

Semi Detached Property	Popular Location
Three Bedrooms	No Chain
Side Garage	Awaiting EPC

Beech Pine Close, Hednesford

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Offers Around £165,000

Semi Detached Property	Bathroom
Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Kitchen/Diner	EPC D

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Hollyoak Way, Cannock

Offers Around £175,000

Terrace Property	Conservatory
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC C

Shaws Lane, Great Wyrley

Offers Around £177,000

Detached Property	Rear Garden
Three Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
Lounge	EPC D

School Road, Norton Canes

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Two Reception Rooms
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC D

Offers Around £180,000

John Street, Cannock

Offers Around £185,000

Domer Semi Detached Bungalow	Rear Garden
Four Bedrooms	Garage
Fitted Kitchen	EPC E

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Matthews Drive, Cannock
End Terrace Property
Two Bedrooms
Shared Ownership Available
Off Road Parking
Awaiting EPC

Offers Around £160,000

Stoney Lea Road, Cannock

Offers Around £200,000

Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	EPC D

River View, Penkridge

Offers Around £151,875

New Build Property	Fitted Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Shared Ownership
Lounge / Diner	Awaiting EPC

Chase Side Drive, Rugeley

Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Kitchen/Breakfast
Integral Garage
Private Rear Garden
EPC D

Offers Around £210,000

Rickerscote, Staffordshire

Offers Around £230,000

Well Presented Cottage	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Well Maintained Gardens
Lounge	EPC E

St David Close, Hednesford

Offers Around £240,000

Detached Property	En Suite
Four Bedrooms	Garage
Kitchen	EPC D

Wolverhampton Road, Cheslyn Hay

Offers Around £240,000

Detached Bungalow	Front and Rear Gardens
Two Bedrooms	Garage
Newly Fitted Kitchen	EPC D

Haymaker Way, Wimblebury

Offers Around £250,000

Spacious Detached Property	Utility Room
Four Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	EPC C

Mere Croft, Norton Canes

Offers Around £290,000

Detached Property	Kitchen / Diner
Four Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	EPC D

Holly Hill Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £415,000

Detached Dormer Bungalow	Corner Plot
Four / Five Bedrooms	Garage
Well Presented	EPC C

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley

Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Ample Off Road Parking
Outdoor Heated Swimming Pool
No Chain
EPC D

Offers Around £275,000

Church Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £450,000

Detached Property	Three Reception Rooms
Five Bedrooms	Detached Double Garage
Three Bathrooms	EPC C

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BURNTWOOD, LICHFIELD ROAD

- Extended Dormer Bungalow
- Kitchen/Family Dining Room
- Spacious Throughout
- No Upward Chain

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Great Wyrley Office - £399,950

CHESLYN HAY, TUDOR WAY

- Impressive detached house
- Popular Cul-de-Sac location
- Three reception rooms
- Four Bedrooms

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Great Wyrley Office - £375,000

CHESLYN HAY, HIGH STREET

- Impressive detached residence
- Schools & amenities nearby
- Three storey accommodation
- Ideal family home

5 | 2 | C

Great Wyrley Office - £325,000

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Detached Dormer Residence
- Generous Living Space
- Double Garage
- No Upward Chain

5 | 1 | D

Great Wyrley Office - £299,950

WILLENHALL, STROUD AVENUE

- Impressive detached property
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- Three reception rooms
- Ample off-road parking

4 | 2 | D

Burntwood Office - £275,000

BURNTWOOD, SPINNEY CLOSE

- Modern Well Presented Detached
- Two Receptions, Ground Floor W.C.
- Kitchen, Utility
- Cul-de-sac Position

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Burntwood Office - £275,000

BURNTWOOD, OGLEY HAY ROAD

- Well Presented Traditional Detached
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Feature Al Fresco Living Area
- No Upward Chain

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Burntwood Office -£224,950

LICHFIELD, FRANCIS ROAD

- Detached House
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Garage
- No Upward Chain

3 | 1 | D

Great Wyrley Office - £220,000

GREAT WYRLEY, BENTONS LANE

- Immaculate detached house
- Prime residential location
- Recently refitted bathroom
- Large rear garden

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Burntwood Office - £210,000

BURNTWOOD, UNION STREET

- Double Fronted Semi-Detached
- Two Receptions
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Shared Driveway

3 | 2

Great Wyrley Office - £159,950

CHESLYN HAY, STATION STREET

- Well presented property
- Deceptively spacious interiors
- Driveway parking & garage
- No onward chain

3 | 1

Great Wyrley Office - £140,000

GREAT WYRLEY, GORSEY LANE

- Semi-detached Residence
- Open Plan Kitchen/Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lovely Garden

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3 Reception Rooms	3/4 Acre of Land
Kitchen	Outstanding Views
3 Bedrooms	EPC Rating E
Bathroom	
Central Heating	

£395,000

HEDNESFORD
FOSTER AVENUE

Semi Detached House	Bathroom
Newly Refurbished	GCH & DG
Lounge	Driveway
Kitchen	Large Rear Garden
3 Bedrooms	EPC Rating D

£160,000

HUNTINGTON
REDWING DRIVE

Terrace House	Front and Rear
Lounge	Gardens
Kitchen	Driveway
2 Bedrooms	EPC Rating D
Bathroom	
Gas Central Heating	

£129,995

CANNOCK
HEATHGAP ROAD

Detached	Bathroom
Lounge Diner	GCH & DG
Kitchen	Garage
Utility	Rear Garden
Study	EPC Rating D
3 Bedrooms	

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WOLVERHAMPTON
RUDYARD CLOSE

Semi Detached House	GCH & DG
Lounge	Driveway
Kitchen Diner	Garage
3 Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Bathroom	EPC Rating C

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HEDNESFORD
BROMLEY CLOSE

Semi Detached House	Gas Central Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen Diner	Rear Garden
2 Bedrooms	Parking
Bathroom	EPC Rating C

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NORTON CANES
WOODFIELD CLOSE

Detached House	GCH & DG
Lounge	Conservatory
Kitchen Diner	Rear Garden
Utility	Driveway
3 Bedrooms	Awaiting EPC
Bathroom	

£795 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HUNTINGTON
WILLOW WALK

Semi Detached House	Family Bathroom
Newly Refurbished	GCH & DG
Lounge	Utility with Shower
Kitchen Diner	Garden
4 Bedrooms	EPC Rating D

£750 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HUNTINGTON
BUCKLAND CLOSE

Link Detached House	Garden
Lounge	Garage
Kitchen	Driveway
3 Bedrooms	EPC Rating D
Bathroom	
GCH & DG	

£695 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
CENTRAL AVENUE

Semi Detached House	Bathroom
Lounge	GCH & DG
Kitchen Diner	Front and Rear
Guest WC	Garden
3 Bedrooms	EPC Rating D

SSTC

HUNTINGTON
HAWTHORNE ROAD

Semi Detached House	Bathroom
Lounge	GCH & DG
Kitchen	Rear Garden
Utility Room	Parking
3 Bedrooms	EPC Rating D

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CANNOCK
DEVON ROAD

First Floor Flat	Double Glazing
Lounge	EPC Rating C
Kitchen	
1 Bedroom	
Bathroom	
Gas Central Heating	

SSTC

HEDNESFORD
CHANCERY DRIVE

Semi Detached House	Utility
Lounge	2nd Lounge
Kitchen Diner	GCH & DG
3 Bedrooms	Garden
Bathroom	EPC Rating D

£695 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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Link Detached House	Rear Garden
Lounge	Garage
Kitchen Diner	Driveway
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Bathroom	
GCH & DG	

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Bathroom	
Gas Central Heating	

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3 Bedrooms	
Bathroom	

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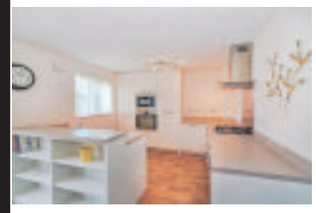

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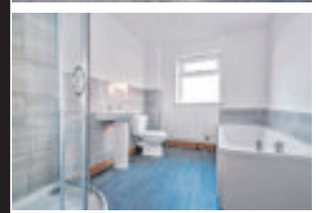

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- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Diner
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£440 pcm

CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating D

£475 pcm

PARK STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- 2Bed FFF
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating/ DG
- Off Road Parking
- Communal

£490 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility, E-Suite
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Garden
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS OR PETS

£550 pcm

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

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- Lounge/Dining room
- Downstairs Bathroom
- En suite to master
- Off road parking
- Energy Rating D
- Sorry NO DSS/Pets

£585 pcm

PEREGRINE WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garage, Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£600 pcm

LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Off Road parking
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets

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- Kitchen, GCH
- DG, Bathroom
- Garage
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£700 pcm

NUTHATCH CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Guest WC
- En suite
- Garage
- Energy rating C
- No DSS/Pets

£780 pcm

PEBBLE MILL DRIVE, CANNOCK

- 4 Bed Detached
- 2 Receptions
- Kitchen
- Bathroom & WC
- GCH DG, Drive
- Energy Rating C
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- Three Bedrooms
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- NO CHAIN

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BYRON PLACE, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

£155,000

STONEY LEA ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen
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- Spacious Family Bathroom
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- Garage &Driveway

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ASH CLOSE, NORTON CANES

VIEWING ESSENTIAL

- A Modern Well Presented Detached Family Home
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- Guest WC, Lounge
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- Family Bathroom
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SOLAR PANELS

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- Driveway, Front & Rear Gardens
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SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK

- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
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WALSALL ROAD, CHURCHBRIDGE

- An Extremely Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
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- Garage and Driveway

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STATION ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

- A Beautiful Traditional Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
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FRANCIS GREEN LANE, PENKRIDGE

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- Lounge, Dining Room
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- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

CORSICAN DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

- A Well Presented Detached Family Home Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot
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- Lounge, Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen, Conservatory
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- En-Suite, Family Shower Room
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens
- NO CHAIN

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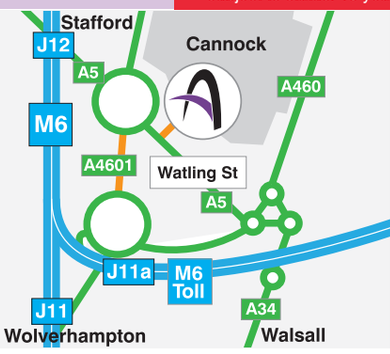

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New Renault Kangoo Z.E. 33 in UK

By Anthony Martyn

Renault's new Kangoo Z.E. 33 has arrived the UK — becoming the longest range EV van currently on sale.

The Kangoo Z.E. 33 features a 33kWh battery that can deliver a claimed real-world range of 124 miles, with a six-hour recharge time when using the Renault-provided fast charger.

Four variants of the Kangoo Z.E. 33 are on offer, starting with the Kangoo Van — available with two seats and a load capacity of 3.6m 3 .

Next is the Kangoo Maxi, which also has two seats but a larger load capacity of 4.6m 3 .

Following that is the Maxi Crew, which is designed to carry groups of people. Load capacity is down to 1.3m 3 , but it features five seats.

Topping the range is the Maxi Crew Van Cab. It also comes with five seats, giving it the same capacity as the Maxi Crew, but features a multi-positional bulkhead that allows a load capacity of 3.6m 3 when the extra seats aren't needed.

As for performance, the smallest of the Kangoo range can do 0-60mph in 20.4 seconds with the battery and up to a top speed of 81mph. The larger Maxi versions take 22.1 seconds to hit 60mph, but have an equal maximum speed.

Standard equipment on all vans includes DAB radio, electrically operated door mirrors, electric front windows, cloth upholstery and load area lighting.

All models have load area lighting

The van has a battery range of 124 miles

Options available include rear parking sensors, a body-coloured front bumper and Renault's R-Link infotainment system.

The Kangoo Z.E. 33 is now on sale in the UK, with deliveries beginning in November.

There's an option of a body-coloured front bumper for the van which has a six-hour recharge time when using a Renault fast charger

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Wraps off MINI's new electric concept car

Mini has pulled the covers off its new electric concept.

The electric vehicle (EV) follows the launch of the British brand's first electrified production model, the MINI Countryman Plug-in Hybrid.

BMW Group – MINI's parent company – will reveal a production version of the electric concept in 2019.

Harald Krüger, chairman of the board of management of BMW AG, said: "The systematic electrification of the brand and product portfolio is a mainstay of the BMW Group's Number One Next strategy.

"The MINI Electric Concept offers a thrilling preview of the all-electric production vehicle. MINI and electrification make a perfect match."

The EV concept features many classic MINI design cues, including a hexagonal radiator grille and circular headlights. However, these have been reinterpreted to better align with emissions-free technology, with the radiator grille closed up to improve aerodynamics.

Other design features hint at the new MINI's electric powertrain, including prominent 'E' badging above the front wheel and on the yellow accent bar of the front grille. According to a MINI statement, the new MINI electric concept's design "provides an optimal balance between agility and weight", which enables it to "offer maximised range in combination with the brand's unique driving dynamics".

One example of weight-saving employed on the concept EV is the use of 3D printing to produce the MINI's aerodynamic inlays and the recessed louvred surfaces in the air intakes.

Board member Peter Schwarzenbauer said: "With its characteristic go-kart feel and powerful electric motor, the MINI Electric Concept is great fun to drive while also being completely suitable for everyday use – and producing zero emissions to boot. That's how we at MINI envisage electric mobility in tomorrow's world."

The production version of the MINI electric concept will be manufactured in part at the brand's Oxford plant.

308 is sharp, stylish and imposing

By Dave Brown

We're big fans of the 308 hatchback and estate and although it has proved a sought-after member of the Peugeot range here in the UK, it hasn't quite hit the heights it has reached in its home country, where it sits proudly at the top of its segment in terms of popularity.

On this side of the channel, it is certainly in the top 10, but, as the company admits, 'closer to 10 than one'. Perhaps the comprehensive refresh and price reductions announced this summer will get things moving in the right direction.

The car has new, sharper styling and Peugeot's latest efficient engines and touchscreen connectivity. On the outside, there is an imposing new vertical grille and LED daytime running lights. Inside, Peugeot's i-Cockpit includes a 9.7-inch touchscreen, equipped with 3D satnav and new graphics. The new car builds on the EuroNCAP five-star rating its predecessor achieved with enhanced safety tech to bring it in line with its widely-admired 3008 SUV.

The new car looks great. Sharp, stylish and imposing, it will appeal to parents who are happy with family life but haven't totally forgotten what it's like to have fun behind the wheel. New elliptical headlamps come with integral LED daytime running lights while the rear lights have a distinctive three-claw shape.

Short front and rear overhangs make the car very maneuverable and contribute to excellent road-holding ability.

Allure, GT Line and GT models feature a large glass roof as standard. Comfort levels are fine inside and everything is of a nice

The car offers parents a bit of fun

quality – there is plenty of room for mum, dad and the kids, although some rivals do offer more space.

Inside the car, not too much has changed over the previous incarnation, with the cabin plush and comfortable. As we've mentioned, the i-Cockpit looks great and adds a sporty feel to a family car but might not be wholly visible through the steering wheel for drivers of certain heights and builds.

The materials used are of high quality, giving the car a welcome, premium feel.

But practicality is key for family buyers of course and the estate features the largest load space in its class (660 litres with the parcel shelf in place; a whopping 1,775 litres with the rear seats folded and the parcel shelf removed).

We had the chance to take the 308 GT (£25,101) on a spin along Germany's fast-paced autobahns, and around the twisty mountain roads on the Germany/Austria border, not far from Salzburg.

It coped with everything we threw at it and provided a genuinely enjoyable and absorbing drive. The i-Cockpit infotainment

New elliptical headlamps come with integral LED daytime running lights while the rear lights have a distinctive three-claw shape

system works well, while the gearbox is taut and quick and you feel in complete control as you enjoy the drive, try to admire the view from time to time, and dodge the many cyclists and hikers enjoying the scenery.

The Peugeot 308 has seen price reductions of, on average, £650 compared to equivalent models in the outgoing range. In some cases, savings of more than £1,000 can be made.

This is a nod perhaps to the fact that the first incarnation of the car hasn't sold as well as hoped in the UK and Peugeot is looking to make up ground on key rivals.

Spec levels are generous, and connectivity is king with the new 308. Safety is to the fore, too, with a range of advanced driver assistance systems such as distance alert and intelligent emergency braking assistance.

Who would buy one? Families, families and more families… at least that's what Peugeot is hoping.

Professional people who want something a bit different style-wise but can easily communicate on the move will also be drawn in, no doubt, and the GT and GTi models will appeal to younger drivers too (and people who are young at heart).

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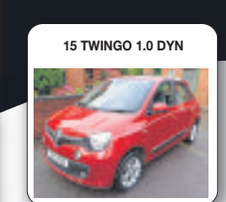

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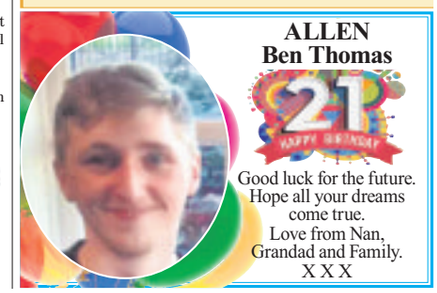

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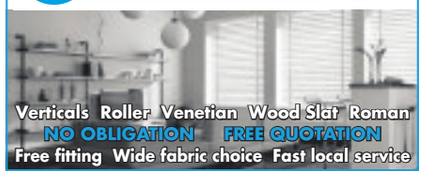

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Richie to train Rio for boxing debut

FORMER world champion Richie Woodhall will train former England captain Rio Ferdinand in his pursuit to become a boxer.

Ferdinand, who retired from football in May 2015, wants to gain a boxing licence and compete for a title belt at the age of 38. He will be training with former WBC super-middleweight champ and Baggies fan Woodhall, aged 49.

Woodhall believes Ferdinand has the potential to box at a professional level and praised the former defender's fitness and enthusiasm.

"In all honesty, I think Rio can definitely box as a professional given time. He has natural power in his right hand, is extremely fit and is very enthusiastic to learn," said Woodhall.

"Style wise, he's very raw and I'll have to develop this which will take time but he has all the natural ingredients."

Woodhall has a wealth of boxing experience to offer Ferdinand. He competed as a professional boxer for a decade between 1990 in 2000.

Former Saddlers star links up with hospice

A FORMER Walsall player has teamed up with a hospice to give people the chance to stay connected with younger generations of their family after they die. James Chambers, who also played for West Bromwich Albion, has partnered up with Mary Stevens Hospice for the initiative.

His company MyFarewell will be launched in November, providing a video service allowing people to record messages and stories for their family. Mr Chambers said: "This is something I've been passionate about doing for nearly a decade. However losing dad a few years ago really did hammer home how important it was for me to provide this service for families, so the same season I finished playing and started working on MyFarewell."

Dan Malin, digital media specialist at Mary Stevens Hospice, said: "One of the most important things that we offer our patients is the opportunity for them to create a memory box for their families, which they fill with photos, objects, stories and treasured personal items which mean so much to them, and to their loved ones."

EFL clubs in favour of closing window early

EFL clubs have indicated they are in favour of an early closure to the summer transfer window from next season.

The decision was taken following a summit of all 72 clubs last Thursday, and will be subject to further discussions before it is put to a formal vote in February.

The EFL is set to follow the Premier League after its clubs agreed to close the window the day before the start of the 2018-19 season earlier this month. The EFL's proposal however, would continue to allow the signing of players on loan until August 31.

The indication by the EFL teams to introduce a shorter window for player transfers follows debate about the uncertainty caused to managers and players with activity still ongoing once the season has started.

EFL chief executive Shaun Harvey said: "We will now go away and look to develop a set of proposals before moving this matter on to the next stage, which would be a formal vote in order to change our regulations."

Ivan Mauger, six times world speedway champ

Ivan Mauger leads Ole Olsen and Doug Wyer at Wembley in 1976

Speedway star Ivan's bikes up for grabs

One of the bikes up for sale at the auction to be held next month

A COLLECTION of bikes belonging to speedway supremo Ivan Mauger will be going under the hammer.

The six times world champion rider, now aged 77, often competed at Monmore in Wolverhampton and the former Heathens track at Dudley Wood during his career.

His 1977 World Speedway Championship winning Jawa Dohc racing motorcycle will be up for sale with a reserve of up to £18,000 during the event at Staffordshire County Showground.

Mauger's bikes will be offered at Bonhams' annual Autumn Stafford Sale on October 15. Mauger won a record nine world championships during his career as a motorcycle speedway and longtrack rider.

Voted

A winner of more than 1,000 international events in 26 countries across the world, he is legendary throughout the motorcycling world.

He is the holder of six world records, including most individual championship wins and most individual world speedway wins.

Simply put, he is the most successful and decorated solo performer that the sport has ever known and was acknowledged as such when he was voted Man of the Millennium by speedway followers.

Bonhams Motorcycle Department is to offer Mauger's collection, which comprises more than 50 lots, including championship speedway and longtrack racing motorcycles, trophies, awards and ephemera.

Meanwhile, The Carole Nash Classic Mechanics Show also takes place over the weekend of October 14-15.

SPORTING FEATURE

By David Banner

A winner of more than 1,000 international events in 26 countries across the world, he is legendary throughout the motorcycling world

The Classic Mechanics Show features flying Kiwi Aaron Slight – probably the best rider never to win the World Superbike title – taking centre stage.

Stunning

Exhibition manager Nick Mowbray said: "We are so excited to have Aaron Slight at this year's Carole Nash Classic Mechanics Show.

With more than a decade racing in the World Superbike series, the New Zealander will have plenty of great races to draw from."

On site will be nearly 1,000 trade and autojumble stalls, stunning club stands and private entries – the perfect place for any classic motorcycle fan to pick up that elusive part and meet thousands of other like-minded individuals.

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Sport

Mauger player's collection of bikes go under hammer

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Second half burst lands bonus point

Barton-u-Needwood 3 Burntwood 33
Midlands 3 West North

BURNTWOOD scored 20 unanswered points in the second half to earn a bonus point win against league newcomers Barton-u-Needwood.

Sean Latham's men had the ideal start with a converted try after three minutes but the rest of the half proved frustrating. In fact it was not until halfway through the second period they scored the points their performance merited.

Burntwood welcomed back Danny Poole to their ranks and it was he who made the initial burst over halfway before feeding Neil Holden.

The tearaway flanker beat two defenders on a run to the line for the score which was improved by Aza Dunet.

On 15 minutes Dunet landed a penalty goal, although Barton cancelled this out eight minutes later with what proved to be their only points of the afternoon. Right on the half-time whistle Dunet landed a penalty goal from 35 metres to make it 13-3.

With Poole and Luke Rookyard in evidence in close quarter driving play, Burntwood moved further ahead with a penalty from the boot of Dunet before scrum half Ian Jones squeezed over to make it 21-3. With five minutes left Canning crossed for the third try.

In time added on Rookyard went in under the posts. Dunet's conversion completed the scoring.

Burntwood 2nds lost 50-21 to Stafford 2nds.

This Saturday Burntwood continue their league programmes with the 1sts at home to Willenhall, and the 2nds at Stoke. The colts entertain Stoke for a transition fixture. All kick-offs are 3pm.

Eight just great for free-scoring United

AFC Fenton 2 Cannock United 8
Staffordshire FA Challenge Cup Rd 1

Cannock United took a while to get into their stride as they worked hard to regain control after going one down on four minutes.

Managing to equalise only led to Fenton regaining the lead and making it 2-1 after 23 minutes.

Cannock eventually found their rhythm and settled down to take all heart out of Fenton's fight as they saw out the half leading by 4-2.

More goals came in the second half as Grant McCarty stole the show. His four goals came in the 14th, 31st, 43rd and 50th minutes.

Joe Taylor dictated play and earned the man of the match for his work rate, vision, and range of passing. He grabbed two of the eight goals

"Joe was the glue today, he brought everything together," manager Mark Taylor said.

E Parkes (70) and A Scott (66) were the other scorers.

Volleyball boys earn new England chance

The volleyball team are now heading for Denmark

FOUR former pupils from Redhill School, Chadsmoor, have been selected to represent England at a volleyball championships in Denmark.

Fresh from their medal haul at The School Games for England at Loughborough University, David Hodson, James Ledbury, Harrison Martin-Lawes and Andrew Pearson travel to Denmark for the North European Zone championships in Ikast.

It represents a step up for the boys as they now face the prospect of playing the 'full-time' athletes of Sweden, Finland and Norway as well as hosts Denmark, Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Isles. Having been introduced to the sport at Redhill, the boys progressed to Redhill Stourbridge VC and the West Midlands regional squads.

Now playing National League for Black Country Volleyball Club they, and another younger school pupil – Tyler White – played in the school games at Loughborough last month. Each gained six England caps, beating representative teams from Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Peter Bragg, chairman and founder of the club, said: "What a fantastic achievement by the boys."

PITMEN SUFFER 5-GOAL DEFEAT

Mickleover Sports 5 Hednesford Town 0

HEDNESFORD Town were handed a lesson in finishing after being put to the sword by Mickleover Sports to suffer their sixth defeat out of seven on the road.

The Pitmen fell behind in the sixth minute when Ben Turner was given a free header in the penalty area.

Hednesford should really have been level in the 24th minute when James Lawrie picked out Danny Glover, but he planted his header effort straight at Lewis King.

Three minutes later the home side doubled their lead when Evan Garnett finished smartly past James Wren.

Things went from bad to worse in the 38th minute for Hednesford as Andy Dales got to the byline and he picked out Garnett, who tapped home from six yards.

Search

Hednesford thought they had reduced the arrears on the stroke of half-time, but Glover's effort was ruled out for offside.

Two minutes into the second period it was 4-0 as Lewis Belgrave fired into the corner. And it was game over in the 54th minute when Dales saw his shot from 18 yards beat Wren.

Hednesford continued to search for a consolation goal and almost found it in the 75th minute when some good football eventually saw a Glover header striking the bar. The away side continued to press and First Joe Fitzpatrick saw an effort blocked at the near post before a stringing 30-yarder from Glover was saved.

In the 83rd minute Mickleover could have added a sixth goal when they were awarded a penalty but Garnett missed his chance for a hat-trick as he fired his effort well over.

This Saturday, the Pitmen travel to Ashton United (3pm kick-off) and then on Tuesday entertain Matlock Town (7.45pm).

Mickleover's keeper makes a rare save in the Pitmen's 5-0 defeat *Picture: Colin Rogers*

Fine margins leave Scholars in bottom half

Spalding Utd 2 Chasetown 0

CHASETOWN would have gone above Spalding United with victory, but instead watched their hosts soar into the play-off places as they slumped to 15th in the Evo-Stik League Division One South standings.

The first half was devoid of few clear-cut chances, the best two coming in the closing minutes of the half for the visitors.

Ryan Wynter was a whisker wide after the home goalkeeper punched a corner away. Then Wynter headed goalwards right on the whistle and keeper Michael Duggan got there a split second before Jake Lovatt.

Spalding took the lead seven minutes after the break when Josh Sedgley was adjudged to have fouled Jenk Acar and Gary King converted the penalty.

Spalding doubled their lead on 79 minutes with a Nathan Whitehead volley that wrong-footed keeper Curtis Pond. The Scholars entertain Loughborough on Saturday (3pm).

Two-goal lead slips from grasp

Leeds M1s 3 Cannock M1s 2

CANNOCK Men's 1s travelled to Leeds for their opening National League fixture of the season. Cannock got into their rhythm and scored two team goals (Matt Wilson and Will Fleet). Just before the interval Leeds pulled a goal back.

The second half was again a good battle with chances going to both teams.

Leeds snatched an equaliser and were then awarded a penalty corner, which they converted. A frantic last five minutes saw the Leeds keeper make two fine saves and deny the travelling Stags a draw. MoM: Mitch Blakemore.

Cannock M2s 4 Streetly M1s 1

Cannock went ahead through Ed Martin. As the half came to a close Streetly equalised after poor marking. Second half, Cannock continued to play the better hockey, with goals from Alex Hill, Danny Swinnerton and Callum Warren.

In other fixtures, Cannock M3s/4s/5s beat Sutton Coldfield 5s 12-1 (MoM: Lewis Micheal); and Cannock M5s beat Sutton Coldfield 6s 7-0 (MoM: Harry Michael)

Meanwhile, Cannock M6s lost 4-1 to Sutton Coldfield; Cannock L1s lost 1-0 against Gloucester L; Cannock L2 played out a goalless draw with Stourport (Player of the Match: Victoria Dennison); Cannock L3s beat Dudley L1s 5-0 (PoM Vicky Wilkes); and Cannock L4s Stone beat Stone 3-0, Han Ingis the hatitrick hero.

Team of the week Cannock L5s chalked up a 2-0 victory over Leek. (PoM: Sam Watts and Alison Dowding).

Slick strikers dump Hayes out of Vase

Heath Hayes 0
Wolverhampton Sporting 3
FA Vase Qualifying Round 2

HEATH Hayes exited the FA Vase at the hands of a very good Sporting side.

The visitors' pacey front men proved too slick for Hayes' rearguard.

Sporting took a 3-0 lead into half-time thanks to goals from Dunkley (2) and the impressive Hill.

Although doing all the second-half pressing, Sporting failed to add to the score.

Hayes return to league action away to Bolehall on Saturday (3pm).

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